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TO :DIRECTOR, FBI(100-3-81
FROM :SAC,Chicago(100-18961)
SUBJECT:COMMUNIST PARTY
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Date: 3-11-55

The following information should be carefully paraphrased when used in a report in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG-5824-S, of known reliability, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 10, 1955.

Type and Place of Meeting

Informant advised that a meeting of the District Board of District Number 8 of the Communist Party was held on March 9, 1955, at 710 North Monticello, Chicago, Illinois.

Persons in Attendance at this Meeting

Informant advised that the following persons were in attendance at this meeting:

SAM KUSHNER

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BILL SENNETT

JIM DURKIN

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A. B. MAGIL of New York City

Informant advised that both BILL SENNETT and HILLIARD ELLIS reported that they had been tailed to the meeting. As a result of this, ELLIS did not remain for

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the meeting. Informant advised that DURKIN left the meeting about 2:15 PM to catch a train for Spokane, Washington, and MAGIL left at the same time to catch a train for Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Matters Discussed - The Struggle for Peace and the International Situation Up To Date

CG-5824-S advised that the principal item on the agenda for this meeting was a discussion by A. B. MAGIL concerning international problems. MAGIL, according to the informant, is a specialist on international problems; he does not occupy any important position in a leading Communist Party Committee, but when he speaks he reflects the collective discussions and instructions which he has received. Therefore, MAGIL has a rounded out concept of the thinking, not only of the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, but also of the international Communist leaders, including the Soviet regime. His particular function is to keep in touch with and mobilize those elements in the Communist Party who can be utilized in what the Party calls the fight for Peace.

MAGIL's Activities in Chicago

MAGIL gave a report lasting over one hour. He stated that he had a fruitful visit in Chicago; that he had met with all kinds of groups and individuals while in Chicago, including people from the American Peace Crusade; the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives; the Chicago Council for American Soviet Friendship; Quakers; church groups and campus groups. He stated that in the main he met with Communist Party members in these groups, but also met with some who were not Communists. He also met with the Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party of District Number 8 on March 8, 1955, at 850 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, per CG 5824-S. MAGIL stated that the work of the Communist Party in Chicago might not be as satisfactory as the Communist Party would want it, but compared to most other districts the Communist Party in Chicago is doing very well.

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Outline of MAGIL's Discussion

1. International Situation
2. Recent Governmental and Political Changes in the Soviet Union
3. United States Foreign Policy
4. Tasks of the Communist Movement
5. Activities for Peace in the Chicago and New York City Areas
6. Recent Statements by IRVING POTASH
7. Importance of the Communist Party Work for Peace in Negro Mass Organizations
8. Colonial Matters
9. Pacifist and Religious Organizations
10. New Communist Party Organization for Peace
11. World Peace Assembly

International Situation

MAGIL stated that in recent days we have been witnessing a sharpening of international tensions. This is in contrast to the situation of a few months ago when there was a certain easing of international tensions. He stated that the Wall Street Imperialists deliberately succeeded in sharpening world tension. The American Communist Party saw these increased tensions belatedly! By contrast, the spokesmen of the International Communist Movements in other countries saw this new development in time. MAGIL stated that if the American Communist leadership were more sensitive to political developments it would have recognized these changes in December 1954, when the Soviet Union ordered representatives of the peoples' democracies (the satellite nations) to Moscow, and at the same time issued invitations to the Western nations to attend this conference. MAGIL stated that at that time the Communist Party of Italy had a conference at which Togliotti, head of that Party, in his report to the conference saw the developing of a more serious international situation.

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However, MAGIL stated that while he was making negative statements about the incorrect appraisal of the international situation by the Communist Party in the United States, and was at the same time showing the existence of increased international tension, this had to be examined in its over-all context. Explaining this, MAGIL stated that the situation is also unfavorable to the Wall Street Imperialists' Camp. The resistance to United States imperialism is increasing. The United States Government had to make efforts to retrieve some of its losses and setbacks of last year. While it was doing this, counter forces against the United States and for peace were set into motion.

MAGIL stated that the international situation today is different than in 1939. At that time the relation of forces changed, but in favor of war. This was after the defeat of the republic in Spain when the CHAMBERLAIN government could still impose its appeasement policy on Western Europe, and there was only one socialist state, the USSR. Today we have in existence a number of socialist states, including the powerful Soviet Union and China, and also a world-wide anti colonial movement, and big Communist movements in nearly every country on this globe.

Continuing, MAGIL stated that though the world situation is sharp and tense, the balance favors the world camps of peace. We must look upon the present world situation as a fluid one, not a static relation of forces. It is also possible that this period of tensions will not be long lasting. The ratification of the Paris Agreements will take time. All the while there will be a continual struggle against these Agreements, and at this point MAGIL supported this thesis with a quotation from MOLOTOV's speech of February 1955.

Recent Governmental and
Political Changes in the Soviet Union

MAGIL started this phase of his report with a review of the factors involved in the cause for political

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changes in the Soviet Union:

1. These changes were caused primarily by internal problems resulting from the struggle of the first stages of Communism.

2. The USSR has to supply aid to other socialist countries to build up their economies. While it is true that this is not a one-way road- that other countries help in their own way - the chief burden falls upon the Soviet Union at this stage.

3. The embargo of the Western Powers upon certain goods going to the Soviet Union and the other peoples' democracies, while it helped to develop trade among the socialist countries, we have to note that this embargo was a hindrance and did create some problems.

4. The help which the Soviet Union gives to the republic of China is a strain on the Soviet economy while the Chinese are building their basic industries.

5. The aggravation of the international situation made it necessary to resolve some problems concerning the defense of the USSR. That is the reason for the fact that the current budget for the Soviet Union had to allow for at least a twelve per cent increase in the amount of money allotted for defense. While this may not have been an initiating factor resulting in the changes in the USSR, nevertheless it is a factor.

United States Foreign Policy

MAGIL stated that the more aggressive moves made by the EISENHOWER Administration show that there is a crossing of the line between the NOLAN-RADFORD forces and the Administration forces. Yet, it would be

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wrong to state that the Wall Street policy makers have already adopted the NOLAN-RADFORD preventative war policy. There are still tactical differences between the EISENHOWER Administration and the NOLAN forces, and some of them may come to the forefront again in the near future.

MAGIL stated that the provocative aspects of the EISENHOWER Administration's policy may cause a flare-up or even a war, but the EISENHOWER Administration knows that a war now would be catastrophic and would have to be fought without allies. This fact may cause the EISENHOWER Administration to hesitate, but the Administration will not give up its basic policy, that is, world domination, which is the aim of Wall Street.

Tasks of the Communist Movement
In this Situation

MAGIL stated that the Democratic Party and the Republican Party have been in agreement on basic foreign policy. The leadership of the organized labor movement seems to follow the major political parties on foreign policy. The American people are not aware of the critical world situation, and ideologically agree with the Wall Street position. The poison campaign against socialism has been swallowed by the masses of people, and there is very little socialist consciousness organized in this country that is able at the moment, to effectively change the ideology of the people.

Yet, according to MAGIL, there is a great deal of peace sentiment among the people. There is a lot of activity for peace occurring, more than we can fathom or become aware of. Some of the people, however, may be hesitant because they may be fatalistic and pessimistic about the world situation, but there are millions of them who have a horror of war. A few years ago the American people bought the Korean war. But they soon wanted to be rid of it, as was illustrated by their vote for EISENHOWER. Later on the people refused to buy

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the Indo-China war when United States imperialism wanted to intervene.

New Opportunities in the
Struggle for Peace - Specific Issues

MAGIL stated that there are new opportunities in the struggle for peace; it is not just wishful thinking on the part of the Communists.

The question is how to concretely transform this sentiment; how to utilize the fear of war; how to create actual obstacles to the war makers. To do this we need to deal with specific issues, such as China, Formosa, German rearmament, the "H" bomb, and peaceful coexistence. MAGIL stated that at this stage the emphasis should be put on Formosa and the destructiveness of the "H" bomb. He stated that these issues may rally the widest number of people, though it is necessary to once again emphasize that German rearmament is the crucial situation in the world despite the fact that at this moment the Communist Party in the United States cannot utilize it to rally large sections of the population.

Activities for Peace in
Chicago and New York City

MAGIL stated that he was impressed by the high level of political leadership of the District Number 8 Communist Party Committee in this district as well as the high level of peace activity, although he did not want to overemphasize it since he was speaking of these activities in a relative sense.

With regard to the movement against German rearmament, there is in Chicago a large Polish aggregation and other large groups of Slavic extraction, plus a large Jewish community, where sentiment can be rallied against German rearmament.

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MAGIL stated that the Communist Party is trying to correct left sectarian errors of the past, but in trying to correct these errors, right wing errors were made, with the result that in some cities there was a liquidation of groups and organizations fighting for peace. This compelled the Communist Party in New York to start from scratch and they have only begun to rebuild a peace movement in New York in recent weeks. He stated that there is something to build on in Chicago, and cited activities in the trade unions, particularly the packing unions, both the CIO and the AFL, as good examples. He also stated that there is activity for peace in non-Communist groups in Chicago. MAGIL said that the CIO Packing Union in Chicago is going to start circulating a ballot campaign against the "H" bomb in the near future.

MAGIL said that Chicago is the center of the atomic scientists. He stated that the recent declaration of the atomic scientists calling for a United Nations investigation of the effect of radiation on humanity is a very very important step and the Communists in Chicago should utilize these developments so that possibly Chicago could act as a catalyst nationally in the peace movement.

In dealing concretely with Chicago, MAGIL stated that the Communist Party should not neglect the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, Save Our Sons, the movement for Peace Gardens, and the movement to outlaw the "H" bomb. He also mentioned the work of PALOVSKI (phonetic), the first American soldier to make contact with the Russian Army in World War II, and said that the Communist Party should try to reach him and work with him in his one-man fight for friendship with the Soviet Union. MAGIL stated that all these organizations help in the struggle for peace, and can open doors to other organizations.

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Activities in the Trade Unions

MAGIL stated that he has no detailed picture of what the Communist Party in Chicago has done on each of these issues, though he has a grasp of the general situation. He stated that the biggest problem is that of the trade unions, especially in view of the role of the top leadership of the AFL and the CIO. He stated that there are many complicated tactical questions which need to be tackled. One is the question of the fight against war in the trade unions. We are all agreed on one thing, that whatever we do in the trade unions, we should start with an issue that even our opponents cannot take issue with, such as a campaign against universal military training, against the "H" bomb, against taxes where a large part of the money goes for war. MAGIL stated that the Communist Party should utilize the EISENHOWER Administration efforts to cut veterans' benefits, which will arouse millions in the trade unions.

IRVING POTASH

CG-5824-S advised that he talked briefly with IRVING POTASH at Yugoslav Hall in New York City on Thursday, March 3, 1955, where a meeting of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party was in progress. Informant advised that POTASH arrived shortly before the informant left New York City and at that time the meeting temporarily adjourned for a farewell party for POTASH, who was leaving the United States on the next day. Informant stated that he saw PHIL BART, GEORGE WATT, and MARTHA STONE give POTASH some documents, and also brief him on the current situation in the Party in the United States. The informant believes that POTASH will eventually convey these documents and this information to the Soviet Union, and international Communist leaders.

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It is noted, and has been previously reported, that A. B. MAGIL was also present at the National Administrative Committee meeting held in New York City on March 3, 1955.

MAGIL stated that after the party for POTASH was over, the meeting of the National Administrative Committee reconvened, and POTASH made a few brief remarks.

POTASH stressed two things:

1. The American Communists have always had, in the main, a correct policy, except for the BROWDER period.
2. However, the American Party still does not know how to apply a policy tactically; for example, in the trade unions at the present time we face most serious problems; yet for a period of many years we have neglected the work in the right led organizations. This is wrong; especially since the American Communist Party may face more problems than ever. To this day the Communist Party has not developed its skill in tactics, as they relate to our work in mass organizations not under the leadership of the Communists. Therefore, we must master the technique of tactics in the greatest detail. We must learn the real meaning of LENIN's concept - how to grasp the link in order to get the entire chain.

Continuing, MAGIL stated that POTASH said that the solution of the ideological problems and the mastering of Communist ideology will help solve some of our tactical problems. We do not always have to tackle a tactical problem in a direct way. There is always the possibility of an indirect approach or a more subtle approach.

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According to MAGIL, POTASH concluded his remarks by saying that the American Communist Party ought to reveal tactical mistakes of the past and tactical weaknesses of the present; then resolve not only to transmit ideology to the Party and the working class, but also to give concrete tactical guidance to the shops and to the mass organizations of the working class.

Importance of the Communist Party
Work for Peace in Negro Mass Organizations

According to CG-5824-S, MAGIL then talked about the importance of the work for peace in the Negro mass organizations. MAGIL stated that he considers the NAACP the most important Negro right led organization.

MAGIL stated that a study of the Negro press shows an increasing disillusionment of the Negro with the EISENHOWER Administration. This study shows that on China especially, the Negro people and press are critical of the EISENHOWER Administration. The Negro press is also critical of the EISENHOWER Administration on Africa and rejects the idea put forth by the United States Government and the United States newspapers that the discontent and people's movements in Africa and in Asia too have resulted chiefly from Communist propaganda. MAGIL stated that there are more basic reasons causing this discontent among the Negro people, and that the Communists have not taken advantage of this and the present Communist Party policy does not seem to satisfy their discontent. He stated that it is necessary for the Communist Party to know what the sentiment is among the Negro masses, and to utilize discontent among the Negroes.

Colonial Matters

MAGIL stated that the study of the Negro press also shows that NEHRU in India has a sort of special

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attraction for the Negroes. He stated that there will be an Asian-African conference in Indonesia in April and that people's China has been invited for the first time to a conference of this nature. MAGIL stated that the Communist Party has pointed out that a special concentration is necessary to bring to the attention of the Negro that this conference will take place. The Communist Party indirectly wants to get in touch with Negro leaders in the professional and religious fields in order to try to get them to go to this conference on the pretext that they are going on a worldwide tour for a vacation. This conference will deal with the fight against imperialism, the struggle against war, and the fight for peace.

Pacifist and Religious Organizations

MAGIL stated that a lot of work is being done for peace in pacifist and religious organizations, and in some of these organizations it is their chief work. He pointed out that these organizations help to stimulate the anti McCarthy fight. He said that while these organizations are important and that everything possible should be done to work in and through them, in order to open up doors to other organizations, in order of importance though, these organizations are secondary. There is more important work to be done in the trade unions and among the Negro people.

New Communist Party Organization for Peace

CG-5824-S stated that the following information from MAGIL was passed around at this meeting in the form of written notes, and was not discussed orally. MAGIL's notes reflected that there has been some serious discussion on the "left" organizations, like the American Peace Crusade, which are led by or through the Communist Party, and which are supposed to fight against war and for peace. The inadequacy of these organizations was recognized.

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He indicated that there have been proposals from the "Center" for the purging of some of these organizations in the peace movement and stated in writing that there was some talk in the past of having the American Peace Crusade members join the Progressive Party, with the latter organization putting more emphasis on the peace movement.

MAGIL's note reflected that in the very top leadership of the Communist Party they have decided upon a new initiative and new forms for an organization with new people. One of these days, in the near future, a new organization for peace will appear on the scene. It will have no resemblance to anything the Communists have organized in recent years. The people and the organization will be of a type that cannot be, for the time being anyway, associated with the Communists or the "left wing."

MAGIL indicated that this matter has not been raised publicly, will not be discussed beyond leading Communist committees, and whenever this matter is raised, it is considered so confidential that it is written and the notes immediately destroyed.

World Peace Assembly

MAGIL stated that on May 22, 1955, the World Peace Assembly will open in Helsinki, Finland. Prior to that there will be launched a big signature campaign, as large as the Stockholm Peace Petition, to outlaw the "H" bomb. This campaign was launched in the Soviet Union on March 9, 1955.

The American Communist Party is not sure that it can get names on any petitions, so it wants to find some other form that will be in line with this campaign. It is planned to have resolutions, telegrams, and

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ballots saying the same thing concerning the outlawing of the "H" bomb, in order to keep the international movement informed that the campaign is on in the United States, but takes this form because there is McCarthyite oppression of those groups and individuals who favor peace and are against atomic warfare.

MAGIL stated that word has come through internationally that the American Communists and sympathizers ought to do everything possible to get people to travel to Helsinki. However, since most types of Americans the Communist Party would like to have go to Helsinki are not ready to commit themselves and since the United States Government might not give them passports to travel if they stated their mission, the Communist Party should ask important people to travel as observers, and the Communist Party will tell them that there will be free discussion at Helsinki; that even if they are anti-Soviet, but favor peace, they could even take the floor and criticize the Communists, to get non-Communists to go to Helsinki to show by way of contrast that unlike suppression of criticism of the "H" bomb policy of the United States Government in the United States, they can speak freely at Helsinki if they want to do so.

MAGIL stated that this will also provide the opportunity for the people from the East and the West to meet and besides, the Soviet Union is just across the border so that influential people, though they may disagree with Communist Party policy, will be welcomed into the USSR if they want to see how things are there.

MAGIL stated that the Communist Party here should do everything possible to spark the campaign to exchange groups such as farmers, artists, etc. between the United States and the USSR. The Communist Party should also push the idea and work for the granting of visas to student editors in the Soviet Union who have been awaiting visas for a long time to come to the United States. The purpose of this is to show the practical aspects of the program for peaceful coexistence.

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SAC, New York (100-12959)

RE: MARION DELORES BOOD, was
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A flier on 2/23/55 of MARION DELORES BOOD, was: Janet Martin, known CP, L.A. Underground Courier, determined that BOOD met with the subject. The subject was subsequently placed in her present hideout 45-35 44th St., Queens, NY. She resides at this address with MARION BOOD, Apt. 4-A. NY files reflect FBI 100-11000 is a "Daily Worker" subscriber. Further that her daughter and son-in-law are Security Index subjects of this office.

Resulting investigation, to date, has revealed that among others the subject has been in contact with ARVID BARKA, Underground Security Director CP, L.A., and JACK KING, a National CP Underground Functionary.

Complete and continuous coverage of the subject's activities being afforded through utilization of fliers and other confidential investigative techniques. It is anticipated this coverage will afford an opportunity to develop an anonymous source that can furnish more complete data regarding subject's activities.

As a result of the intensification of instant investigation as well as the over-all underground investigations, the submission of a report, in this matter, will be delayed. A detailed letter, which will show the subject's contacts and activities, will be submitted to the Bureau, and a report will follow as expeditiously as possible.

- 1 - NY (100-66579) (FILE BARKA) (7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-62430) (ARVID BARKA) (7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-19249) (JACK KING) (7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-96985) (CP, L.A. UNDERGROUND) (7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-) (MARION BOOD, 45-35 44th St., Queens, NY) (12-13)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BUT CANNOT STATE IF BART IS RESIDING THERE. CONTINUED~
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-94)

DATE 3-14-55

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-21222)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be most carefully handled to afford maximum security to the informant.

CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 3, 1955 that based on recent discussions with leading Communist Party members in Chicago and New York, it is his opinion that the open or "legal" portion of the Communist Party depends upon the underground for final word as to decisions on policy and that only where there is a well established capable above ground leadership like in Illinois or in California is the underground relegated to the background.

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CG 5824-S is further of the opinion that the underground leadership is apprised of everything that goes on in the open or "legal" portion of the Party and that the functionaries in the open Party somehow keep in touch with their counter parts in the underground.

CG 5824-S stated that he based this opinion on the fact that when he was in New York on Friday, February 25, 1955 he contacted PHIL BART who said that he could not get together with CG 5824-S over the week-end because he had to see some underground people.

On Monday, February 28, 1955 BART met with CG 5824-S and gave the informant a package from JACK KLING to be delivered to SUE KLING in Chicago with instructions that CG 5824-S should not tell SUE KLING the name of the city in which the informant received the package. BART also told CG 5824-S that in the future the informant should obtain all messages from SUE KLING which were to be delivered to JACK KLING. The informant was instructed to give any messages from SUE KLING to a person he trusted and who was making a trip to New York City and that this person should be directed to give the message to either GEORGE WATT or to BART. BART stated that there was a person named RABIN assigned the task of delivering messages to and receiving messages from SUE KLING but that he had not been able to devote enough time to the task.

CG 5824-S further advised that on February 26, 1955 GEORGE WATT told the informant that he wasn't sure that he could make a meeting concerning the possible merger of UERMWA scheduled with the informant and other persons for the morning of February 28, 1955 because he had a meeting over the week-end with someone from the underground.

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Informant further advised that SAM KUSHNER, who is operating in a semi-underground capacity in District #8 of the CP, told CG 5824-S in New York City on March 1, 1955 that he would meet the informant on Friday evening, March 4, 1955 in Chicago at WRIGHTS (phonetic) 6349 South Morgan. KUSHNER also mentioned that he had a suit of clothes in a dry cleaning establishment near this address.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE 3-14-55

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - ORGANIZATION
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100-81675 (CP - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

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100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)

100- (SY GERSON)

100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)

100-53177 (MILTON HOWARD)

100- (MARTHA STONE)

100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)

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100- (SIGMUND EISENCHER)

2 - Minneapolis (REGISTERED)

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100- (ROBERT KELLY)

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CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 3, 1955 that he had a two hour discussion with PHIL BART in New York City on Monday afternoon, February 28, 1955 and that he was also with BART on other occasions during the week of February 27, 1955. Part of the discussion that took place on February 28, 1955 occurred at the National Office of the Communist Party and part of the discussion took place at the Oasis Bar and Restaurant. BART told CG 5824-S that he is actually National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is not title for his job. BART also stated that he is in charge of CP funds and is a member of the National Administrative Committee.

DISTRICT #8, COMMUNIST PARTY

CG 5824-S stated that prior to leaving Chicago he had been given a sealed envelope containing \$1,100 in dues payments. The informant was given this envelope by MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District #8, CP. The informant gave this envelope to BART who gave the money to ISADORE WOFSEY and at a later time BART told CG 5824-S that WOFSEY does some of the work that LEM HARRIS used to do. BART showed the informant a memorandum which had been enclosed in the envelope and this memorandum indicated that the \$1,100 represented dues payments for 1,065 individuals in the Illinois District of the Communist Party. The memo also indicated that the sum of \$300 had been deducted and that of this amount two items, one consisting of \$80 and one consisting of \$120 had been deducted for "travel". BART turned the statistics over to [redacted] who is described by CG 5824-S as the book-keeper for the Communist Party. BART stated that MOLLIE WEST had failed to indicate what period was covered by these dues and also failed to break them down into dues and assessments and failed to explain the deductions, especially the remaining \$100 of the sum of \$300 that had been deducted. BART asked CG 5824-S to get the answer to these questions from MOLLIE WEST.

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On March 10, 1955 CG 5824-S advised that he had brought these questions to the attention of MOLLIE WEST and she in turn referred him to LEON KATZEN.

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KATZEN told CG 5824-S that the \$100 was deducted from the amount going to the National Office for payment to DORIS FINE in accordance with a decision that had been made by the National Office of the CP. With regard to the period involved KATZEN stated that he does not indicate what period is involved but that it covers the period from the last payment that had been made to the National Office. KATZEN also stated that he would send a memorandum to BART in this regard.

PHIL BART also told CG 5824-S on February 28, 1955 that he is going to make a trip to the middle west for several days, that he prefers to travel by train, that he will arrive in Chicago by train on March 23, 1955 and will stay through March 26, 1955. BART asked CG 5824-S to inform MOLLIE WEST to arrange meetings for him. He stated that he had some problems to be taken up with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ART HAENDLE.

ART HAENDLE

BART stated that until March, 1955 ART HAENDLE was the Party Organizer for Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, including the Dakotas, Missouri and Wisconsin. BART stated that at one time while he was in the underground he had charge of all of the states that HAENDLE was handling plus the Rocky Mountain area and Texas and also had to make trips to the west coast. With regard to HAENDLE, BART suggested and stated that he needs the approval of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, that HAENDLE be relieved of responsibility in all states except Missouri and Indiana in order to build up the St. Louis area.

Wisconsin and Minnesota

BART stated that the CP has enough leadership in Wisconsin with SIGMUND EISENCHER as District Organizer and in Minnesota with ROBERT KELLY as District Organizer. BART stated that the Party recognizes the political deficiencies of these persons but suggests that they could come to Chicago once a month for political guidance.

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Indiana and Missouri

BART stated that St. Louis is supposed to be a point of concentration and needs development. BART stated that there are 80 registered CP members in Missouri at the present time, most of whom are in St. Louis. He stated that the Party hopes to register 125 members in Missouri. BART stated that Indiana raises more money than a lot of the states of similar size and the proposition to HAENDLE will be that he will be permitted to keep all dues payments from Indiana and Missouri for a six month period in order to concentrate on St. Louis.

"Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

BART told CG 5824-S that the total national circulation of "The Worker" is around 20,000 and that the total national circulation of the "Daily Worker" is 8,000. BART stated that they are having a tough time publishing the "Daily Worker" from day to day and that on February 28, 1955 he was calling for \$1,000 each from Chicago and Philadelphia to keep the paper going to the end of the week.

CG 5824-S also stated that on February 25, 1955 he had talked with SY GERSON whom the informant stated has a leading position acting as Chairman of the New York District of the CP. This contact with GERSON was had at the National Office of the CP in New York. GERSON stated that MILTON HOWARD has left the "Daily Worker" and is now with "Masses and Main Stream".

CG 5824-S also advised on March 3, 1955 that he had talked with ALBERT BLUMBERG on February 28, 1955 and on March 3, 1955 while he was in New York City. BLUMBERG stated that he is the so called Educational and theoretical man of the CP and acts for the National Administrative Committee to see that the editorial policy of the "Daily Worker" and "Political Affairs" properly reflects the line of the National Office of the CP.

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BILL SENNETT

BLUMBERG told CG 5824-S that in accordance with the decision of the District Board of Illinois, the "Daily Worker" would publish 3 articles in the paper by BILL SENNETT concerning the mayoralty primaries. BLUMBERG also verified that BILL SENNETT is supposed to be in New York City on Friday, March 11, 1955 for a meeting on electoral problems. BLUMBERG told CG 5824-S to tell SENNETT that he should be in New York early and call GEORGE WATT at AC 2-7945 for details on this meeting.

BLUMBERG also told CG 5824-S that [] described by CG 5824-S as a member of the Political Action Commission of the CP in Illinois and organizer of the Professional Section and who was due in New York on March 15, 1955 would be met at 5 o'clock at the Gold Rail on Broadway between 110th and 111th Streets. On March 3, 1955 the informant did not know why he was going to New York. On March 10, 1955 CG 5824-S advised that he had learned from BILL SENNETT and [] that there was to be a convention of the Americans for Democratic Action in Washington, D.C. in the near future and that [] was to go in for meetings concerning this convention. It was decided at a meeting of the District Board of District #8 on March 9, 1955 that after his arrival in New York City SENNETT will determine the necessity for [] trip and that if it was not necessary that [] be in New York City, SENNETT would call him at Chicago and so advise him.

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SECURITY MEASURES

CG 5824-S stated that PHIL BART with MARTHA STONE joining in a discussion, talked about what they described as the work of the enemy inside the Party and stated that there had been a general laxity in the Party in this regard. BART stated that the Party is preparing some material in which they have analyzed the work of the FBI. He referred to an article in a recent issue of "U.S. News and World Reports" which was about the FBI and stated that this article appeared to be accurate based on the Party's observations of the FBI's methods.

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BART stated that the most perfect achievement of security was the CP National Conference of August, 1953. He stated that it took a lot of time and a lot of work but did not say where it was held.

Oregon and Washington

BART discussed the CP situation in the states of Oregon and Washington and stated that up until now the Party has been infiltrated with all sorts of enemy Agents. He stated that LARSON deserted, BARBARA HARTLE began a renegade and another guy committed suicide. He stated that the Party had been so infiltrated that they could not do any work. BART stated that the enemy was in the Party in the northwest, not only passively but was actively sending letters concerning financial problems, extra marital relations and in general stirring up dissension.

BART stated, however, that they now have a good organizer in the northwest from Portland. BART stated that this person was in the underground until recently and that he had a son who was about 14 or 15 years of age. This person's son was riding with some other boys and was shot and killed by a policeman. This organizer criticized the Party for making very little issue of it. He became angry with the Party but at the same time stayed underground and did not go to his son's funeral, thus, showing his loyalty to the CP.

SECURITY MEASURES AT
CP NATIONAL OFFICE

CG 5824-S stated that during his visits to the National Office of the CP during the period between February 25 and March 3, 1955 he observed that pads and pencils are available on each desk in the office. Near the pad are little places where paper can be burned. Informant stated that in discussions at the Party Headquarters names, addresses, and dates are written on pads instead of being spoken and that after the writing is passed around it is immediately burned and destroyed.

Director, FBI (100-3284)

3/14/55

SAC, New York (100-56579)

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES

NATIVE BORN NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE SEX

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

CP, USA, 268 7th Avenue, N.Y.C. (Organizational Secretary & Treasurer)

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER RESPONSIBILITY

INTERESTED AGENCIES

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 120 Ave. N., Brooklyn, N.Y.

CELIA LEVY (Sister)

REGISTERED MAIL

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AIRTEL FEBRUARY. FOURTEEN FIFTYFIVE ADVISING THAT
SUBJECT MIGHT BE RETURNING TO OPEN CP WORK. DEPARTMENT
HAS REQUESTED INFO AS TO WHEREABOUTS STATUS OF BART.
IMMEDIATELY ADVISE AS TO WHETHER RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS KNOWN
AND FURNISH ANY INFO AVAILABLE AS TO HIS PRESENT ACTIVITIES.
SUTEL TODAY.

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CP, USA - ORGANIZATION; IS-C. NY 1475-S* HAS ADVISED THAT
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, GEORGE WATT, MARTHA STONE, PHIL BART
AND ALBERT BLUMBERG MET AT CP NATIONAL OFFICE ON EVENING
OF 3/14/55 AND DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS OF CP.

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2 - NEW HAVEN (100-) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
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2 - PITTSBURGH (100-) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
 (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1 - NY 65-5604 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#7-5)
① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (#7-1)
1 - NY 100-9364 (JAMES W. FORD) (#7-5)
1 - NY 100-13473 (SIMON N. GERSON) (#12-14)

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THEY DISCUSSED TWO BODIES REFERRED TO AS SECRETARIAT AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT STONE LEFT FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT SOON AFTER MEETING BEGAN. LIGHTFOOT CRITICIZED OPERATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT AND NAC FOR DUPLICATION OF WORK STATING THAT BOTH BODIES HAVE TURNED INTO POLITICIAL COMMITTEES. HE STATED HE WILL PROPOSE TO NAC ON MARCH FIFTEEN, FIFTY FIVE THAT THE "ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE" (IN THIS INSTANCE BELIEVED REFERENCE TO SECRETARIAT) BE SMALLER CONSISTING OF THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS NAMELY STONE, BART, WATT AND LIGHTFOOT PLUS SI OF NY (BELIEVED TO BE SIMON W. GERSON). BART AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE A SMALL OPERATIVE COMMITTEE; HOWEVER HE RECOMMENDED GROUP OF SIX. BART SAID REVIEW OF NAC WORK DOES NOT BELONG TO JUST THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE. LIGHTFOOT SAID "THE LEADING COMMITTEE" (BELIEVED TO BE SECRETARIAT) SHOULD WORK DIRECTLY WITH AL BLUMBERG TO

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- 1- NY 100-93699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(12-15)
- 1- NY 100-36211 (ARTHA STONE)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)(7-1)
- 1- NY 100-98557 (CP, USA - DEFENSE ACTIVITIES)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-86624-SUB A (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(12-14)
- 1- NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")(7-2)

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ASSURE THAT THE PAPER ("DAILY WORKER") REFLECTED PARTY POLICY. HE FURTHER SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR BLUMBERG TO CONTINUE CARRYING THE PAPER, POLITICAL ACTION AND DEFENSE ACTIVITY. HE SAID SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE COORDINATING AGENCY AND NOT A POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND SHOULD COORDINATE AND ORGANIZE THE WORK AND GUARANTEE THAT "ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES WORK" IS ORGANIZED SO AS TO GET BEST POLITICAL PRODUCTIVITY. LIGHTFOOT STATED NAC MEETS EVERY TWO WEEKS AND IS REAL POLITICAL BODY. LIGHTFOOT THEN SUGGESTED 3 MEMBERS ON SUCH COMMITTEE BECAUSE HIS AND STONE'S STATUS WERE IN DOUBT BECAUSE OF PENDING TRIALS AND TRAVEL INVOLVED. WATT SAID "LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE" (BELIEVED TO BE SECRETARIAT) HAS BEEN OF A TRANSITIONAL CHARACTER AND SHOULD BE STABILIZED. WATT SAID BLUMBERG HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO ASSUME TOO HEAVY AN ASSIGNMENT AND THAT IF HE GOES TO TRIAL THERE WOULD BE A LARGE GAP. WATT THOUGHT SUCH OVER-CENTRALIZATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED. HE REFERRED TO WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON AND JAMES W. FORD AND THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR PRESENT POSITION. INFORMANT WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS OF DISCUSSION OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)

DATE: March 16, 1955

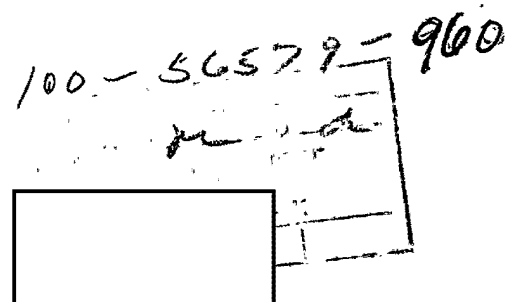
FROM : Director, FBI (100-3204)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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SMITH ACT, 1940

Reurtel March 14, 1955.

In view of the recent inquiry made by the Department concerning the whereabouts status of the subject and the availability of confidential informants, it appears that consideration is being given to a possible prosecution of Bart in the near future.

You are instructed to immediately intensify your efforts to determine Bart's residence address and submit a report by April 1, 1955, bringing his activities up to date.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-401)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-26827)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, INC.
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Date: March 17, 1955

On February 19, 1955 [] attended a meeting of the Freedom of the Press, Inc., held at Yugoslav Hall in New York City.

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For documentation purposes the following information was furnished orally by [] to SA [] on February 22, 1955 and the original information can be found in the informant's file []

Upon receiving instructions from SIDNEY LIPSHIRES,

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[] and arrived in New York City at 11:35 A.M. at Grand Central Station. They then walked to Yugoslav Hall in New York City and arrived there at twelve noon for the meeting. For your further information SIDNEY LIPSHIRES, for the past several months, has been the Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island organizer of the Communist Party but on February 19, 1955 LIPSHIRES told [] that two weeks previous he was made the New England District Organizer of the Communist Party. []

This meeting was held on the top floor of the building known as Yugoslav Hall. The informant counted about seventy-six persons present at this meeting and during the course of the meeting it was announced that twelve states were represented. The chairman of the meeting was PHIL BART,

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Also present was IAN GORDON, connected with the "Daily Worker" and whom the informant had met personally in New Bedford, Massachusetts about February 1, 1955. The main speaker was MARTHA STONE. The informant was introduced by [redacted] to a man named [redacted] FNU, who was connected with the [redacted] magazine. [redacted] also introduced [redacted] who, in the opinion of the informant was apparently a Communist Party organizer as [redacted] that he had seen SIDNEY LIPSHITS in New York only ten days previous and [redacted] to go to New York on Thursday, February 24, 1955. [redacted] whether he would come or not because he had not discussed [redacted]

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The conference was opened by PHIL BART who stated, "The purpose of this national conference called by our party, is designed for the purpose of tackling the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" on a new angle." BART stated that the second purpose of the conference was to discuss the political aspects in which, "us comrades can bring back to our apparatus so that we can further the development of the political viewpoints of the readers of the paper."

BART stated that the meeting was originally scheduled to be concluded by five o'clock that afternoon but that in view of the fact that there were a dozen states represented, it would not be possible to wind up the conference and it might continue into the evening hours.

MARTHA STONE, when introduced as the main speaker, spoke on the "necessity of bringing our press, specifically the 'Daily Worker' and the 'Worker', to our comrades in order that it might be a decisive factor in our day to day problems. The National Leadership feels that it had been responsible for the 'Daily Worker' and the 'Worker' falling down in circulation. However, she felt that the National Leadership realizes that the 'enemy' had played a key role in reducing the number of readers and subscribers to the papers by creating fear and bringing pressure." STONE also stated, "However, the forces of peace, both on a national and inter-national level, have been strengthened in the past few years." In view of this last statement, STONE then stated, "The National Leadership has decided that the following must be done today: (1) 'All leadership in the CP are to participate actively

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and directly in the buildup of the paper. They are to see that Press Directors are re-established and constant checks and rechecks of their activity and responsibility undertaken.'

(2)"The entire leadership is to go out and get subscriptions and to make arrangements to receive the papers themselves for members who can not get them directly. No one in the Party is too big to participate in this new look."

(3)'The Party feels that the hard core or press builders that were it not for them-the level of the "Daily Worker" would not be where it is today-that the Party leaders feel that no recognition has been given them in the past and they are to be accepted immediately as a new form of cadre in the party-in the past some of our leaders have gone ahead in the party through political work and trade union work, but apparently none had progressed through press work. However, the press builders are to be given the same recognition as the others from now on.'

(4) MARTHA STONE stated that she "wished the group present to discuss and accept the idea of publishing a supplement to the 'Daily Worker' on a monthly basis. That these supplements will be contributed from the various areas and will contain up to date articles regarding the specific area that contributes the supplement. In these supplements there would always be the latest news from that particular area concerning the CIO-AFL merger."

STONE then stated that as of March 1, 1955 the leadership decided that seventy-five per cent of the quota of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" must be obtained. She said that the reason for this was that five of the original Smith Act victims would be freed at that time and, therefore, it would be a tribute to their freedom and the suffering that they had undergone to obtain seventy-five per cent of the quotas by that date.

Finally STONE reported that rather than have a national conference on the press, just about the time the renewals of the paper are due, that henceforth they will have frequent national conferences in order to have rechecks as to the progress of the paper.

The informant stated that all during STONE's talk she made

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reference to "the party", "comrades" and "we communists" and mentioned in the beginning that her audience consisted of the "leadership of our party comprised of section, county, and state board level."

The informant stated that a woman named MOLLY (the informant was not sure whether this was her first or last name) who spoke for the State Committee from Illinois, was present and stated she was representing the State of Illinois. The informant described her as in her thirties, wore glasses, walked with a limp, as though she might have had polio at one time. Her husband was killed in the war. The informant described her as being about 5'3" in height, 130 pounds and having light complexion.

A man from Michigan also spoke representing that state and the informant described him as being a good speaker, about fifty, 5'8", weight, 190, crew hair cut, mostly gray hair, wore glasses, had a round face and was inclined to be stocky.

A comrade from Bronx County, New York, according to the informant, also spoke. This person said he was a railroad worker who lived in an Italian community. He had a New York accent and informant said he was 36-37 years old, height 5' 10", 200 pounds, brown hair, heavy build and round face. This man made mention in his talk that in their budget they were going to put aside "a few thousand dollars" to publish this supplement and mail it to various leaders in their community.

At the place of the meeting, [] stated that he turned over some "Daily Workers" subscription money to a woman named SALLY, LNU, who apparently was in charge of the "Daily Worker" subscription money. He described her as being 5'3" tall, 125 pounds, 32-34 years of age, red hair, green eyes, attractive appearance, had on a wedding ring.

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Any of the information furnished by [] in this letter, if used in reports, should be suitably paraphrased in order to protect [] who is a highly sensitive informant of the Boston Office.

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the New York Office for inclusion in appropriate case files of persons mentioned herein. All offices are requested to furnish logical photographs of foregoing individuals for possible identification by []

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is being interviewed further regarding this meeting. Additional information received from the informant will be furnished to the Bureau and appropriate offices.

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STEPHEN J. PATTERSON, SA

FORNER [REDACTED]

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In connection with corrective action taken concerning information furnished by former [REDACTED] and former [REDACTED] these informants are to be characterized in every instance as of unknown reliability. No information furnished by these informants is to be disseminated outside the Bureau unless such information is corroborated by other reliable sources.

Each individual's file to which a copy of this memorandum is directed was checked with either former [REDACTED] or former [REDACTED] or both. The informants, as the case may be, were unable to furnish any information regarding such individuals.

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For this reason, in reporting negative contacts with informants on the subject of this file, former [REDACTED] and/or former [REDACTED] should not be used in reports.

1 - [REDACTED] (7-2) b7D
1 - 100-123212 ([REDACTED]) (7-5)
1 - 100-122186 (I. FORNER) (12-10)
1 - 100-new ([REDACTED]) (7-6)
1 - 100-102859 ([REDACTED]) (12-11)
100-49245 (CHARLES KASHAN) (12-14)
1 - 100-82900 ([REDACTED]) (12-10)
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1 - 100-50804 (HENA B. KLEIN) (7-1)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-15877)
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-18000)
SUBJECT: FRANCIS EUGENE WALDRON, wa.
Eugene Dennis
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-18-55

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The following information must be most carefully handled to afford maximum security to the informant.

CG-5824-S, of known reliability, furnished the following information orally to SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 4, 1955:

PEGGY DENNIS

CG-5824-S stated that he visited PEGGY DENNIS at her residence in New York City on Monday evening, February 28, 1955. PEGGY DENNIS stated that she is not entirely in agreement with the Communist Party leadership during the past few years. CG-5824-S stated that PEGGY DENNIS did not say what she disagreed with but did give the indication that there was friction.

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1 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)	100- (SI GERSON)
100- (ROBERT CAMPBELL)	100- (SOPHIE GERSON)
1 - Charlotte (REGISTERED)	100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
100- (JUNIUS SCALES)	100- (JIM FORD)
1 - Memphis (REGISTERED)	
100- ("MAC")	Chicago: A)134-46
16 - New York (REGISTERED)	
100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)	
100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS)	
100-56579 (PHIL BART)	
100- (MARTHA STONE)	
100- (ANDY REMES)	
100- (Mrs. ANDY REMES)	
100- (JOHN GATES)	
100-53177 (MILTON HOWARD)	
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PEGGY DENNIS stated that some of the authority of the underground has been shifted to EUGENE DENNIS though he will remain in the background. She stated that EUGENE DENNIS while he was in jail complained of being isolated and said that the party was not doing enough to conduct an amnesty campaign.

The informant stated that while he was at the residence of PEGGY DENNIS she placed telephone calls for him to MAE WILLIAMSON, BERTHA STACHEL, and IRVING POTASH.

JUNIUS SCALES and "MAC"

CG-5824-S further advised that on Tuesday, March 1, 1955, he was with PHIL BART and MARTHA STONE prior to the time they left for Idlewild Airport to greet EUGENE DENNIS and JOHN GATES who were returning on that date to New York City from prison. Informant stated that they were joined by JUNIUS SCALES who was accompanied by a person introduced to CG-5824-S as "MAC" from Memphis. CG-5824-S stated that "MAC" is about 40 years of age, white, 5'8" in height, ruddy complexion, sandy hair, stocky build. SCALES stated that his mother had put up the money for his \$35,000 bail bond and that he had been criticized by the Party for allowing her to do this since the Party thought that the bail bond was too high and should have been reduced.

Trip to Idlewild Airport

CG-5824-S stated that he went to Idlewild Airport in an automobile driven by BOB CAMPBELL of Cleveland, and the following persons were also in this car:

PHIL BART
MARTHA STONE
ANDY REMES and his wife

Informant advised he learned from REMES that he is working under PHIL BART and is working at New Century Publishers. REMES and his wife have a ten-week old baby.

Reception for EUGENE DENNIS and JOHN GATES

CG-5824-S advised that there were approximately 250 people at the Airport to greet DENNIS and GATES and among this number were the following:

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MILTON HOWARD
BOB HALL
JOE CLARK
ERIC BERT
LESTER RODNEY
SI GERSON
SOPHIE MELVIN GERSON
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
JIM FORD

EUGENE DENNIS

CG-5824-S stated that he greeted DENNIS, shook hands with him, conveyed greetings to him from the District Number Eight leadership, and promised to convey greetings from DENNIS to the District Number Eight leadership.

CG-5824-S also advised that he talked with EUGENE DENNIS by telephone briefly on Wednesday evening, March 2, 1955. During this conversation, DENNIS stated that he had a cardiac condition.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 3-21-55

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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On January 17, 1955, CG 5824-S orally advised SA MICHAEL R. CARRANO regarding a personal contact with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on January 11, 1955. Due to the personal nature of this contact, it must be emphasized that prior to utilization of the following information that extreme caution be utilized in order to maintain the security of this highly placed informant.

The purpose of instant meeting between the informant and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was that LIGHTFOOT wanted to discuss new national CP leadership which would replace the convicted "13" who had been ordered to jail. LIGHTFOOT requested the informant to make an immediate trip to New York as LIGHTFOOT's representative to present to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER the suggestions and appointments for the National leadership to succeed those incarcerated under the Smith Act of 1940.

LIGHTFOOT was worried that due to the incarceration of the "New York 13" that many problems may have been left unsettled. He described MARTHA STONE as weak in comparison to himself and indicated that he was to assume the chairmanship of the National Administrative Committee.

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1 - Newark (RM) (100- MARTHA STONE)	1 - 100- (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
1 - Detroit (RM) (100- SAUL WELLMAN)	1 - 100- (LOU BURNHAM)
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1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)	1 - 100- (HERBERT APHECKER)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)	1 - 100- (Political Affairs)
1 - 100-9365 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)	
1 - 100-19673 (GEORGE WATT)	1 - 100-134-46
1 - 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)	1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100- (LEON WOESY)	1 - 19431 (CP-Strategy in Industry)
1 - 100- (SY GERSON)	

1 - 100-8247 (UE)
1 - 100-2952 (MILT BURNS)

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Another purpose for seeing the informant, according to LIGHTFOOT, was to prevent PHIL BART from assuming a leadership position. He described BART as having been in charge of national finances, but indicated that BART was also handling organizational problems. He instructed the informant to see FOSTER and make suggestions regarding the new leadership and to insure that BART would not get a "pivotal" position. LIGHTFOOT told the informant that he had learned from the national underground that they had decided that BART should come out into the open but that his duties should be limited to finances.

LIGHTFOOT furnished the informant the following list of names which he indicated should become the National Administrative Committee of the CP-USA (open leadership) which list was approved by the national underground. LIGHTFOOT stated that the following list of names would comprise the national leadership until EUGENE DENNIS is released from prison:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT to replace PETTIS PERRY as National Chairman.
MARTHA STONE to replace BETTY GANNETT as Organizational Secretary.

ARTHUR BLUMBERG, Theoretical and Legislative Problems.

GEORGE WATT, Trade Union.

LEON WOPSY, Youth.

SAUL WELLMAN, ANTON KROCHMAREK, PHIL BART - Finances.

LOU BURNHAM, whom LIGHTFOOT described as a Negro from the South who was once in charge of the youth movement, and "one person from New York" to be either SI GERSON or one "NELLIE", whom LIGHTFOOT described as having done org. work in New York, but LIGHTFOOT indicated that either of these two would probably be replaced by a "new person" (unnamed).

In connection with the functioning of the National Administrative Committee, LIGHTFOOT stated that the out-of-town people would meet in New York approximately once a month. LIGHTFOOT also stated that upon the conclusion of his trial in Chicago that he contemplated spending more time in New York in connection with his national duties. LIGHTFOOT also cautioned the informant to make it known that the new National Administrative Committee should closely watch the "New York

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group" (District #2) so as to prevent them from taking over national leadership of the CP-USA.

On January 17, 1955, CG 5824-S orally advised SA MICHAEL R. CARRANO regarding his New York trip. On January 13, 1955, he arrived in New York and met with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER with whom he made an appointment for the following day. On January 14, 1955, the informant told FOSTER that instant trip was made on behalf of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and that the informant was acting as LIGHTFOOT's representative. The informant conveyed to FOSTER LIGHTFOOT's complaints regarding certain organizational problems, especially the fact that LIGHTFOOT had understood that before the "New York 13" went to jail someone from the national office was supposed to fly to Chicago in order to contact LIGHTFOOT. LIGHTFOOT also complained through the informant that JIM FORD was not being involved in Party work sufficiently beyond his local activities and that LIGHTFOOT was not satisfied.

Since no one else was available to discuss the problems, it had been pointed out by LIGHTFOOT to the informant that FOSTER made arrangements for ALBERT BLUMBERG to meet with the informant at the Civil Rights Congress office in New York.

Prior to meeting with BLUMBERG, the informant also took up the trade union question with FOSTER and furnished him a brief report on the status of the trade union policy of amalgamation in Chicago in order to place pressure on the National Trade Union people, especially in UE, to get them to come out in favor of amalgamation of the left wing independent unions with the AF of L or the CIO. The informant explained to FOSTER the previous meetings between MILT BURNS and PAT GREATHOUSE in Chicago regarding the merger of FE-UE with the UAW-CIO.

According to the informant, FOSTER indicated that this trade union problem would be taken up in the future and that the informant would be advised of the decision. The informant told FOSTER that LIGHTFOOT was of the opinion that there was not one leading trade union person in UE wholly in favor of the Party's program of amalgamation and that LIGHTFOOT is afraid that if the CP pushes these individuals into a merger a split may result with the possible effect of isolating

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all of the left wing trade union leaders. The informant explained further that if UE does not merge soon they will lose all of their locals in the International Harvester Company which may result in the Party people in these locals being left out completely. The informant noted to FOSTER that a split also exists between several district workers of UE and the Party is very pessimistic with amalgamation as the only possibly answer. MILT BURNS was described by the informant as having become very cynical of the whole trade union policy and as a result has become caught between the national leadership of both the CP and the UE.

Informant further explained to FOSTER that at the present time BURNS is maintaining contact with GREATHOUSE to convince him that raiding between the two unions would be useless and that GREATHOUSE should give BURNS the opportunity to work for amalgamation within his own union rather than to force it upon the rank and file members. FOSTER indicated general agreement with the trade union policy but indicated that he was afraid to push the trade union people while the national underground leadership is in favor of quick amalgamation regardless of the feelings of the Party's trade union people.

On January 13 1955, the informant also met with ALBERT BLUMBERG. The informant indicated to BLUMBERG the above described trade union problems in the Chicago District and emphasized to BLUMBERG that he was speaking on behalf of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. BLUMBERG acted surprised in regard to LIGHTFOOT's antagonism toward PHIL BART, but the informant explained that LIGHTFOOT's feelings in this matter were not raised on the question of BART's competency but more on the basis of BART's method of operation. BLUMBERG indicated that SAUL WELLMAN had also raised the question regarding BART's getting a leadership position in the National Administrative Committee.

BLUMBERG told the informant that the above list of names indicated the present National Administrative Committee of the CP-USA as having been finalized and approved by the national underground leadership with the exception of SIMON GERSON and "NELLIE".

BLUMBERG also told the informant that HERBERT APTHECKER is to be the editor of "Political Affairs", but that BLUMBERG himself would be responsible for the "Political Affairs" to the National Committee of the CP-USA.

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The informant also discussed with BLUMBERG the Party's trade union policy and BLUMBERG indicated that he would in turn discuss it with GEORGE WATT. BLUMBERG stated that he would present these problems to the respective committees of the CP national office.

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PHILIP BART, WAS; IS DASH C. NY SIX NINE THREE DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED THAT SUBJECT AS P. BART HAS RESERVATION ON TWA AIR COACH, FLIGHT NUMBER SIX ONE, DEPARTING LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, NYC, AT SIX:FIFTEEN AM MARCH TWENTY-THIRD AND ARRIVING CHICAGO AT NINE:FORTY AM MARCH TWENTY-THIRD. NO RETURN RESERVATION MADE. THIS APPARENTLY CONFIRMS INFO FURNISHED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S BY BART IN NYC ON FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST AS REPORTED BY CHICAGO LETTER MARCH FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE ENTITLED, CP DASH ORGANIZATION AND WHICH INDICATED BART PLANNED TO BE IN CHICAGO FROM MARCH TWENTY-THIRD TO MARCH TWENTY-SIXTH. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO DISCREETLY PLACE BART AND TO COVER HIS ACTIVITIES THROUGH ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS AND SOURCES OF INFO. PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION OF BART APPEARS IN CP ALBUM. PHOTO IS EXCELLENT LIKENESS OF SUBJECT. BART USUALLY WEARS DARK GREY COAT AND DARK GREY FEDORA.

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FROM: SAC, New York (65-16441)

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On March 7 and 8, 1955, NY 694-S furnished to SAS [redacted] and ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON the following information obtained by the informant as a result of contact with Canadian CP functionaries in Toronto, Canada, between February 24 and 28, 1955. ~~S~~

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[redacted] Canadian CP functionary, when contacted by NY 694-S, stated that [redacted], LYL Delegates to a meeting in East Berlin in late February, 1955, had arrived in Toronto on February 18 and had gone immediately to the home of [redacted] (It will be noted that before the [redacted] left NYC for Toronto, LEON WOFSY, LYL functionary, had told NY 694-S that the [redacted] upon arrival in Toronto would report to 122 Westmoreland Avenue, Toronto, in care of [redacted] It will be noted also that TIM BUCK, through his girlfriend, ELIZABETH MASCOLO, previously had identified this name and address as a Canadian CP mail drop formerly identified as "Appleton". The informant had been requested by MASCOLO, who was then in New York, to transmit this information to the National Committee of the CP, USA.) ~~S~~

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[redacted] introduced the [redacted] to [redacted] leader of the Canadian equivalent of the LYL. [redacted] was the sole Canadian CP representative to the East Berlin meeting to which the [redacted] were to go. According to [redacted] had been in Moscow in the spring of 1954 on LYL business, and upon his return to Canada, had been appointed head of the "Youth Movement" in Canada. [redacted] further identified [redacted] as the son of [redacted] head of the "Peace Movement" in Canada, and STALIN prize winner several years ago. ~~S~~

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According to [redacted] it originally was planned that the [redacted] travel together to the East Berlin meeting; but, for security reasons, the plan was changed. On Sunday, February 20, 1954, the [redacted] flew from Montreal to Paris, and after a six hour layover in Paris, flew to Vienna, where they arrived on the following day in the American zone of Vienna. [redacted] flew "by a parallel route" to the American zone of Vienna. The [redacted] and [redacted] met in ~~S~~

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Vienna and [] arranged through officials in the Soviet zone of Vienna for the transportation of the three to East Berlin. ~~X~~

[] stated that he had provided the [] with one-way plane tickets and sufficient cash for their purposes. The [] were advised that they might travel wherever they pleased after the Berlin conference, but inasmuch as they were scheduled to return to Toronto by April 1, 1955, they also were told to use good judgment with respect to travel in Europe. The Canadian CP, [] stated, was very pleased with the [] and wished to compliment the CP, USA for the efficiency demonstrated in sending them to Canada fully prepared for their trip to East Berlin. ~~X~~

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[] said "the people on the other side" would be most pleased with the manner in which the [] trip was arranged and "undoubtedly will use this channel more frequently in the future". The Canadians, he said, "will recommend it". [] then mentioned that the original letter to TIM BUCK, requesting that LYL representatives attend the East Berlin conference, had been sent by [] whom he refrained from further identifying. ~~X~~

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The next subject of conversation with [] concerned ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN. As will be recalled from previous correspondence in the SASH-ESPIONAGE-R file, NEEDLEMAN and [] on the occasion of their meeting in Toronto, had several private conferences, after one of which [] asked NEEDLEMAN how to spell the name "SEBORER". MAX SEBORER is NEEDLEMAN'S "leg man" and his brother NOAH SEBORER reportedly is living in Mexico as a retired school teacher. Of the two other SEBORER brothers, JACK STUART SEBORER was Chief of the European Research Desk in the War Department, and OSCAR SEBORER, while in the US Army, served at Los Alamos, and assisted in the development of the Atom Bomb. The whereabouts of JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER is unknown. ~~X~~

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As also will be recalled from previous correspondence, NEEDLEMAN has been waiting for information from the Soviets, and has indicated that this information is to be transmitted ~~X~~

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to him through [] who supposedly will be furnished with the information by Canadian CP functionaries returning from the Soviet Union. ~~X~~

It also will be recalled that after NY 694-S returned from a trip to Toronto in late December, 1954, NEEDLEMAN inquired whether [] had given the informant a message from Moscow for NEEDLEMAN. When NY 694-S asked NEEDLEMAN whether [] should have transmitted such a message, NEEDLEMAN replied, "No -- I don't blame him -- he shouldn't tell you of such things". ~~X~~

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It will be recalled further that on February 2, 1955, NEEDLEMAN, referring to NY 694-S' contemplated trip to Toronto, requested that the informant ask [] whether NEEDLEMAN should go to Toronto to see []. When NY 694-S suggested that [] could give the informant a message for NEEDLEMAN, the latter said, "Oh no -- Don't ask him for anything more. I have to handle this myself. It's too hot". ~~X~~

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The above background information regarding the SEBORERS and the message expected by NEEDLEMAN from Moscow has been set out to throw some light on the following conversation between NY 694-S and []. ~~X~~

NY 694-S informed [] that NEEDLEMAN had requested that the informant inquire whether [] desired NEEDLEMAN to go to Toronto to see him. The informant also stated that, according to NEEDLEMAN, [] would understand what NEEDLEMAN meant. [] replied, "Oh -- Yes. NEEDLEMAN inquired about several American friends who are in Russia. We cannot tell him anything yet since no 'suitable' comrade has been traveling there or back. Therefore I have no answer for him. I will have nothing for him until May. At that time somebody will be leaving or coming back. The persons NEEDLEMAN thought could bring his message, they (the Soviets) could not use". ~~X~~

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According to the informant, [] then mentioned that the persons who NEEDLEMAN thought might bring him a message from Moscow were [] member of the National ~~X~~

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Committee of the Canadian CP, and [] wife of [] Canadian CP functionary. The informant infers that [] had decided against using the aforementioned women for contact with the Soviets regarding the message for NEEDLEMAN. From remarks made by [] in the past, NY 694-S has inferred that both women are too talkative. The informant concludes therefore that the Soviets would not be inclined to deliver to these women the message for NEEDLEMAN, and that, anticipating the Soviets reaction to them, [] decided against using the women for that purpose. ~~S~~

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In the light of the information thus far obtained regarding the message which NEEDLEMAN is awaiting from Moscow, NY 694-S believes that the said message concerns the missing SEBORER brothers, JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER. NY 694-S has considered the possibility that, for the information of MAX SEBORER, NEEDLEMAN'S leg man, the latter is attempting to determine whether JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER are in good health. He discards that theory, however, on the ground that NEEDLEMAN is too self centered an individual to be engaged in a humanitarian pursuit requiring his making trips to Canada. The informant is more inclined to believe that NEEDLEMAN'S interest in the SEBORERS is due either to past associations with the SEBORERS, which now constitute a threat to his security, or to his intention to use them in future apparatus activities. ~~S~~

The informant considers it significant that neither NEEDLEMAN or MAX SEBORER ever have mentioned to him the existence of JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER. They have mentioned on occasion NOAH SEBORER, who is in Mexico. The informant also considers it odd that NEEDLEMAN should seek information regarding the SEBORERS through the Canadian CP instead of through the Russian Embassy, or through Amtorg officials with whom he apparently is friendly. ~~S~~

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[] TIM BUCK and [] ~~S~~

In a separate discussion with TIM BUCK and [] NY 694-S furnished them with information from the CP, USA, ~~S~~

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contained in referenced airtel and teletype. BUCK mentioned that with respect to the request forwarded to him by the CP, USA, through ELIZABETH MASCOLO that a Canadian attend a UE conference in New York, the matter already had been attended to by BILL KASHTON, Canadian CP functionary in charge of trade union work. KASHTON previously had been requested to send a delegate to the said conference and, when BUCK contacted him, KASHTON advised that ROSS RUSSELL of the Canadian UE already had departed for the New York conference. ~~X~~

BUCK requested that NY 694-S inform the CP, USA, that, as regards the matter of the UE merger, it would be better from the Canadian point of view for the UE to merge with the UAWA. This, however, is just a suggestion on BUCK'S part; the Canadians will not do anything of which the CP, USA, would not approve. ~~X~~

With respect to the proposed merger of the Packing House Workers with Amalgamated Meat Cutter and Butcher Workmens' Union, BUCK said that the CP, USA, should understand that the Canadian position in the merger is not so strong as is the American position. The Canadians desire that the Americans put the Canadian CP in a better position for bargaining: the CP, USA, should get assurances that Canadian CP members will not be ousted from the union, and also that the Canadians will not be "victimized" as a result of the merger. (This message from BUCK was delivered to GEORGE WATT, CP, USA, trade union functionary, through CG 5824-S, who was in New York at the time of NY 694-S' return to New York from Canada. WATT, according to CG 5824-S, expressed himself as being wholly in accord with BUCK'S views.) ~~X~~

[redacted] during this conversation, was advised that NY 694-S was awaiting the arrival from Detroit of [redacted] CP functionary whom the informant was to introduce to BUCK and [redacted] so that [redacted] might discuss with them language group problems and related matters. The informant emphasized that [redacted] was to be briefed only on local problems concerning the Detroit-Michigan area and the adjoining Canadian area. The CP, USA, did not desire that [redacted] be briefed on national problems, the informant told BUCK and [redacted] ~~X~~

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[] then stated that WALTER RIBACK had been in contact with the Canadian CP concerning some language group problems, particularly problems concerning literature, small quantities of which are currently being sent to RIBACK. It will be noted that while in Toronto in December, 1954, the informant was asked by [] why "RIBACK, who was with the IWO in New York City", could not go to Toronto to discuss language group problems. (It is believed that WALTER RIBACK, mentioned here, is identical with WALTER RIBACK, former IWO organizer, subject of New York file 100-55535.)

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[] stated that the Canadian CP still desires that language group leaders, particularly Slavs, go to Canada for the following reason:

There is being organized a two year campaign for the purpose of "rallying" as many Slav groups as possible in North and South America. The purpose of the campaign is to consolidate these groups into a unified Slav group capable of concerted action. They are to be brought closer to their home ties, to be made aware of their national heritage and importance. In connection with this campaign, contributions will be solicited from all Slavs for the erection of a monument commemorating Slav struggles and achievements. The monument will be a large building to be erected behind the Iron Curtain, probably in Poland. Referring to the aforementioned monument, [] said, "Sure, they will put up a building in Poland. The Poles and the Russians will put it up. The money raised will be kept by us".

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[] stated that it was desired that "the Americans do the same thing". He stated that a conference would be held in Canada in mid-May in connection with this campaign and that it was important that American delegates attend the said conference. The Canadians, according to [] already are taking certain steps to put the campaign in motion: The "head" of a Canadian-Russian paper, not otherwise identified, presently is touring the South American countries - Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Venezuela, where he is laying the foundation for the campaign during a series of speaking engagements. The campaign, according to [] will be probably announced through the "language papers" on July 4 next.

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The informant then inquired of BUCK and [redacted] whether they had received any news regarding the political situation in Moscow, which NY 694-S might transmit to the CP, USA. BUCK replied that there was "no news" - that no one had gone to Moscow recently, the only leading Canadian CP functionary now in Moscow being [redacted] who is there on a six months visit. According to BUCK, at a recent meeting of top Canadian CP functionaries, the change in the Moscow political scene was discussed, and it was interpreted as indicating that by reason of the dangerous Formosan situation, Russia had decided "to warn" the US by exhibiting its ability to shift swiftly to concentration on heavy industry. This "shift" necessitated replacing MALENKOV with a man more capable of effecting policies conducive to said concentration on heavy industry. BUCK said the Canadian CP considered the "shift" as "well timed", exhibiting to the US a sign of strength at a critical moment. ~~SECRET~~

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NY 694-S advised that [redacted] Detroit CP functionary, did not arrive in Toronto until Saturday, February 26, after the informant's conference with BUCK and [redacted] as outlined above. [redacted] was driving a 1954 Chevrolet, four-door green sedan, with Michigan license BB-4453. He met NY 694-S in the latter's hotel room at the King Edward Hotel, and after introducing himself, stated he had driven from Detroit to Toronto via Windsor, Ontario. NY 694-S informed [redacted] that BUCK and [redacted] whom the informant had contacted earlier on that day, would not be available for interview until the following day. [redacted] who was quite tired as a result of his trip from Detroit, expressed a desire to rest for a few hours. It was arranged that he stay at the YMCA in Toronto and that he and NY 694-S meet again in the evening of that day. ~~SECRET~~

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Upon meeting [redacted] later, the informant noted that [redacted] is about 5'6" in height, has black hair, brown eyes, wears glasses, and weighs about 140 pounds. [redacted] mentioned that he is 35 years of age, that he is a sheet-metal worker by trade, and that he is the father of two children. According to ~~SECRET~~

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NY 694-S, [] seemed well educated. He was quite security conscious, informing NY 694-S that he had parked his car several miles from the King Edward Hotel. After he had determined to his own satisfaction that NY 694-S was the individual whom he was to meet, [] engaged for a time in routine conversation concerning the CP, which is not particularly relevant to instant investigation. ~~X~~

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NY 694-S informed [] that among the matters the latter might discuss with BUCK and [] should not forget to mention re-establishment of contact between the Detroit CP and the Windsor, Ontario CP; language group problems of mutual interest; the training school to be organized in Canada for American CP members; and broadcasts to be made in Canada and beamed to the Detroit area. [] agreed to discuss these matters with BUCK and [] but did not mention what else he had in mind for discussion with the aforesaid Canadian CP officials. ~~X~~

Referring to "weaknesses" in the Detroit CP organization, [] stated that in Detroit there is an "under-estimation of security" and lack of an effective CP control commission. He said that the CP in Detroit does not effectively investigate "suspected cases". Such matters as where does a "suspect" live, what are his habits, personal and otherwise, are ignored by the Detroit CP. He stated there were cases where there was absolutely no investigation of persons suspected of disloyalty to the CP. ~~X~~

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The Detroit CP leadership, he said, are in agreement with respect to the necessity of establishing an effective apparatus for the investigation of suspected persons, but never have taken the steps required to establish such an apparatus. [] considers this attitude criminal. He cited the cases of BILL and FRANCINE ALBERTSON, both of whom were expelled from the Party. FRANCINE is suspected of collaborating with the FBI, and [] personally is convinced that she is. Although several people in the Party were assigned to check her habits and contacts, they never did so, their excuse having been that they were "too busy". ~~X~~

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Of people contacted by FRANCINE after her expulsion, several have been expelled and others are under suspicion. Much damage was suffered by the Party as a result of her talking. In [] opinion, if an effective control apparatus had been in operation, FRANCINE would have been discredited long before she was, and furthermore she would not have been able to contact and influence the people whom she did. ~~X~~

In the hope of ascertaining the CP registration figures in the Detroit area, NY 694-S told [] that in the past he had been familiar with the Detroit CP, had regarded it as a large area, and now hoped that its membership had not been adversely affected during the past "five critical years". [] replied - cryptically, according to NY 694-S - "You know we don't give out any figures at this time. But I can tell you this much - that our membership in Detroit has suffered terrific losses. Detroit is only half as large as the Philadelphia membership, and also only half of the Eastern Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh) membership". [] then mentioned that in Detroit SAUL WELLMAN is the only full-time paid CP functionary, his salary being \$60 per week. Most of the other leading CP functionaries, he said, have outside jobs. ~~X~~

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The informant then asked [] what CARL WINTERS planned to do after his release from prison. [] stated that WINTERS would have to get a job in industry. Before doing so, however, WINTERS, according to [] would take a month's vacation. It was [] opinion that WINTERS would continue to reside in the Detroit area. [] then stated that in his opinion, and in the opinion of the other Detroit CP functionaries, there should be an end to CP hysteria. That, he said, is why the Party is so concerned about sending a half dozen or more key people in the Detroit CP to a CP school for higher political and organizational training. He has in mind five people in Detroit in key industries, such as the UAWA, and in his opinion, if these people could be better trained, they would be in a position to influence at least thirty thousand people. This, he said, is only one reason why proper schooling of such people would make the Detroit CP more effective. ~~X~~

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According to [] in the last six months of 1955, the Detroit CP anticipates that a gigantic struggle between the ~~X~~

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automobile companies and the unions will arise. REUTHER, [] stated, is endeavoring to avoid this situation. The unions, [] said, will be strongest in the Ford plant, and weakest in the Dodge plant. It would be considered a major victory this year if the automobile workers can win a concession of a guaranteed week's work. ~~X~~

On Sunday, February 27, NY 694-S took [] to [] home to meet TIM BUCK and [] made it clear that he desired a private interview with [] and BUCK and the informant therefore left [] alone with [] and BUCK after a short conversation in which all engaged. Before NY 694-S left, he heard BUCK tell [] that BUCK was glad to re-establish contact with the Detroit CP through [] and that before [] should leave, BUCK would advise him of three methods whereby contact could be maintained by the Detroit CP with the Canadian CP. BUCK stated that he would arrange on that day to have a Canadian Comrade drive with [] to Windsor, Ontario, where [] would be introduced to Windsor CP functionaries. BUCK also mentioned that in June or July of this year a CP school in Canada would be available to the Detroit CP. Before leaving, NY 694-S was requested by BUCK to contact NORMAN FRIED, Canadian CP functionary in charge of education and "the peace movement". ~~X~~

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Upon contacting NORMAN FRIED, NY 694-S was given by FRIED a note to be transmitted to TOM RICHARDSON of the CP, USA, the note being to the effect that RICHARDSON'S presence at a conference in Canada was desired. The purpose of the conference was to discuss "a directive from the other side" regarding the peace movement. The Bureau previously has been informed regarding this matter. ~~X~~

Upon his return to NY, NY 694-S gave the aforesaid note to CG 5824-S, who was then in New York, for transmittal to RICHARDSON through a member of the CP, USA, National Committee. CG 5824-S delivered the note to PHIL BART who promised to deliver it to RICHARDSON. According to BART, who read the note, ~~X~~

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RICHARDSON, in BART'S opinion, should not have been the addressee of the note "since he no longer has the position". BART stated that he believed two other people (not identified) would go to the conference to which RICHARDSON had been invited. ~~S~~

SAM CARR ~~S~~

SAM CARR, upon meeting the informant, stated that he recently was "called on the carpet" by the Canadian CP Secretariat to answer charges of having violated a Party rule. The individuals before whom he had to appear were TIM BUCK and LESLIE MORRIS, members of the Secretariat, and CHARLIE SIMS, who is not a member of the Secretariat, but who had been called in to attend this particular hearing. ~~S~~

The reason for CARR'S being charged with violation of Party rule is as follows: ~~S~~

Since his release from prison, CARR has been active in the Canadian equivalent of the Jewish People's Fraternal Organization. While CARR was in prison this organization paid CARR'S dues and kept him in good standing, for which he was duly grateful. On numerous occasions since CARR has returned from prison, he has been invited to address meetings of this organization, but always has declined, giving one reason or another. Finally, however, CARR could think of no more plausible excuses for not speaking, and on a recent Sunday morning made an address to the organization. The subject matter of his speech, he said, was unimportant, but when it was reported to leading CP functionaries, CARR was summoned before the Canadian CP Secretariat, as mentioned above. ~~S~~

When before the Secretariat, CARR was told that upon being released from prison he had been instructed to make no speeches, and that in doing so he had deliberately violated the Party's rule, and that such insubordination would not be tolerated. CARR stated that he allowed the Secretariat to excoriate him for a few minutes and then "blew his top". ~~S~~

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He told them they should now listen to him. They "had a lot of nerve" in attempting to "gag" him. He had never injured the Party. They conveniently were forgetting that he had worked for the Party for 32 years, ten of which he spent in jail. He nevertheless never complained about his time in jail. The Party "had another guess coming" if they thought they could shut him up. Instead of being so petty, they should listen to what he had to say. They should discuss with him what his political contributions to the Party could be. To this they agreed. ~~X~~

He stated that in "the spy case" he did exactly as the Party told him to do. The Party, in 1946, wrote a statement, supposedly written by CARR, and CARR never complained about it or challenged it. He spent years in hiding only for the purpose of saving the Party from embarrassment. During that time, he made no demands upon the Party. In fact, he was so disciplined that during the last year prior to his arrest in the USA, he sent his contact PHIL FIELD to Canada on three separate occasions to inquire whether CARR should return to Canada and "face the Commission". On each occasion CARR was ordered not to return, and he obeyed instructions. During those latter years, CARR had been shunned by the Party, but from now on he is going to assert himself. If they value him as a person, they had better listen to what he has to say. ~~X~~

CARR told the Secretariat that he took exception to the Party slogan "Put Canada First" in that the said slogan reflects a "wrong" nationalism and is misunderstood. He also told the Secretariat that the Canadian CP should have closer ties with the CP, USA; that the Canadian CP could assist the CP, USA, much more than it has. By strengthening the CP, USA, he said, the Canadian CP would be fighting American "imperialism," which is the main threat to Canadian independence. ~~X~~

CARR told BUCK that it was not his desire to engage in a "knock-down and drag-out" fight with the Canadian CP - that he would do nothing that might disrupt the Canadian CP. He desired BUCK to know, however, that he no longer was inclined to be a mere puppet. ~~X~~

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CHARLIE SIMS, according to CARR, became abusive in his language to CARR, ordering the latter "to shut up". For a moment it seemed that SIMS and CARR might engage in fisticuffs, but BUCK and MORRIS pushed SIMS out of the room before SIMS could say more.

CARR introduced NY 694-S to two individuals visiting at the CARR home - [redacted] CARR stated that [redacted] of RUDY SHOHAN (Bufile 100-233970), with alias: RAYMOND ARTHUR DAVIS, LYL functionary in the USA in the 1920's and later a writer in Canada, using the pseudonym RAYMOND ARTHUR DAVIS. SHOHAN, according to CARR, currently is appealing a conviction for passport fraud in Canada. CARR also mentioned that SHOHAN was a former member of the National Committee of the Canadian CP. CARR stated that [redacted] had lived in San Francisco at one time and had spent considerable time in Mexico. [redacted] CARR said, is an American and has been a foreign correspondent. In 1947 [redacted] travelled to Yugoslavia, according to CARR. [redacted] CARR said, is of Canadian birth.

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In the few words NY 694-S had with the [redacted] he ascertained that they presently are residing with relatives in Toronto and that they are looking for a permanent place to live in Toronto. They indicated that they are members of the CP, and mentioned that while in Mexico they had met many Americans. According to the informant, [redacted] had been in a half hour private conference with SAM CARR before the informant met him.

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[LESLIE MORRIS]

In a short conference with LESLIE MORRIS, member of the Canadian CP Secretariat, and now second in command to TIM BUCK, NY 694-S inquired whether STANLEY RYERSON, Canadian CP functionary now assigned to the Cominform, had arrived safely in Bucharest. MORRIS stated that RYERSON presently is in Russia but will leave for Bucharest in a few weeks.

The informant advises that a photograph of STANLEY RYERSON appeared in the 3/7/55 issue of "The Canadian Tribune".

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CP publication. As evidence of the fact that the Canadian CP is concealing the real purpose of RYERSON'S having left Canada, the informant referred to the following language appearing under the photograph of RYERSON: ~~X~~

"STANLEY RYERSON, member of the National Executive Committee of the Labor-Progressive Party, who is on leave of absence, taking treatment in Czechoslovakia for injuries received in an automobile accident in 1953 during his campaign as a federal candidate of the LPP in Hamilton. ~~X~~

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NY-694-S ADVISED HE WAS INFORMED BY ISADORE WOPSY ON THIS DATE THAT THE NATIONAL CP FUND DRIVE BEGAN "A FEW DAYS AGO" WITH A GOAL OF \$175,000.00 TO BE RAISED, OF WHICH \$100,000.00 WAS TO BE ALLOTTED TO THE DW AND \$75,000.00 TO THE NATIONAL CP ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO NY-694-S WOPSY WAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR "BANKING" THE FUNDS RAISED IN THIS FUND DRIVE. NY-694-S ADVISED WOPSY GAVE HIM \$4,000.00 OF FUND DRIVE MONEY ALREADY RECEIVED, WHICH INFORMANT WAS "TO HOLD" FOR WOPSY. NY-694-S

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ARE CONVICTED DETROIT SMITH ACT SUBJECTS, CASES NOW PENDING APPEAL.
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS CLEVELAND, NEW YORK AND PITTSBURGH URGENT
PHIL BART, WA., IS DASH C. RE CHICAGO TEL MARCH TWENTY FIVE AND
DETROIT TELS MARCH TWENTY SIX AND TWENTY EIGHT LAST. DETROIT SOURCES
NEGATIVE ON SUBJECT TODAY. RE CHICAGO TEL INDICATED BART TO BE IN
DETROIT ONLY ONE OR TWO DAYS. USE OF FULL SECURITY FIXED FISURS AND
EFFECT OF SOME INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKES SUBJECTS PRIOR DEPARTURE FROM
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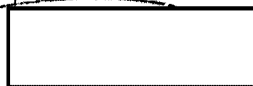
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PHILIP BART, WA., IS, C. RE CHICAGO TEL MARCH TWENTY FIVE AND DETROIT
TEL MARCH TWENTY SIX. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE SUBJECT-S
ACTIVITIES IN DETROIT THROUGH FILED FISURS. BART LEFT RESIDENCE OF
CARL AND HELEN WINTER SIX FORTY FIVE PM MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST IN CAR
OF PHIL SCHATZ, PROBABLY DRIVEN BY LATTER INDIVIDUAL. SCHATZ CAR
ARRIVED AT SAUL WELLMAN RESIDENCE SIX FIFTY EIGHT PM AND SUBJECT
ENTERED ALONE. WELLMAN WAS HOME AT THIS TIME. BART DEPARTED WELLMAN
RESIDENCE AT EIGHT TWENTY PM IN CAR OF PHIL SCHATZ DRIVEN BY UNIDENTI-
FIED MALE. BOTH PEGGY AND SAUL WELLMAN LEFT THEIR RESIDENCE AT NINE
FIFTY EIGHT PM, RETURNING ALONE AT ONE TWENTY AM, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN.
PERSON TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BART OBSERVED ARRIVING WELLMAN
RESIDENCE AT FOUR TWENTY FIVE PM MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, WITH PHIL
SCHATZ IN LATTER-S CAR. THIS PERSON ENTERED WELLMAN RESIDENCE AND
SAUL WELLMAN LEFT HIS RESIDENCE ALONE AT EIGHT PM AND RETURNED AT NINE
FIFTY FIVE PM. LIGHTS IN WELLMAN RESIDENCE WERE EXTINGUISHED AT TEN PM
AND NO FURTHER ACTIVITIES OBSERVED. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS
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IRVING LYON
SECURITY MATTER - C

HARRIETT LYON
SECURITY MATTER - C

The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be most carefully handled to protect the identity of the informant.

On March 26, 1955, CG-5824-S, of known reliability, exhibited to SAs JOHN E. KLATING and CARL N. FREYMAN a handwritten Communist Party transfer of membership which had been given to him by PHIL BART between March 23 and March 25, 1955, to be shown to MOLLIE WEST and to be given to MARY NEFF.

It is noted that CG-5824-S has advised that PHIL BART's Communist Party position is equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is no exact title for his position. BART is also a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of Communist Party finances. Informant has also advised that MOLLIE WEST is Organizational Secretary, District Number Eight of the Communist Party, and that MARY NEFF is Section Organizer for the South Chicago Section of the Communist Party and is being considered for Community Representative on the Regional Committee for Steel and District Number Eight of the Communist Party.

The following is the content of the transfer, which appeared on stenographer's notebook paper and may have been in a woman's handwriting:

"Transfer from Boston, Mass. to Chicago, Ill.
Irving and Harriett Lyon
1437 East 71st Place
Chicago 19, Illinois

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REGISTERED

2 - New York (REGISTERED)
100-56579 (PHIL BART)
100-80638 (CP - MEMBERSHIP)

4 - Chicago
A) 134-46
100-18952 (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
100-18234 (MARY NEFF)
100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)

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SAC, Boston

RE: IRVING LYON
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HARRIETT LYON
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Both worked in broader Jewish orgs.
Harriett held post in YIPHA.
Irving was a member of the Community
Citizens org. Both loyal, effective."

The above information is being sent to Boston
for information.

Director, FBI

3/29/55

SAC, Chicago (100-125)

COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following information must be most carefully paraphrased when used in a report to protect the identity of the informant.

CG-5824-, of known reliability, orally furnished to SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955, information he had received from PHIL BART in Chicago during the period between March 23 and March 25, 1955. Informant has advised that BART holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is no exact title for his position. According to the informant, BART is also a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of Communist Party finances.

BART stated that there is a serious situation in the Communist Party of Puerto Rico inasmuch as the Party has split right down the middle between the Nationalists and the Internationalists. He further stated that the Communist Party in Puerto Rico has suffered since the arrested CP leaders have been kept in jail. He further advised that the Communist Party - USA is trying to raise the necessary money, a \$5,000 bond for each person, in order to get the leaders out of jail.

BART further stated that the Communist Party - USA has been given a "dressing down" internationally for the situation in Puerto Rico and that the American Party is being referred to internationally as colonists because of the situation in Puerto Rico.

As a result of this, BART stated that the Communist Party - USA is trying to get an international and national program with regard to Puerto Rico in an effort to pull together the strength of the Communist Party in Puerto Rico.

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- ③ - New York (REGISTERED)
100-74560 (CP - USA, FUNDS)
100- (CP - USA, BRIEF)
100-56579 (PHIL BART)

- 1 - San Juan (REGISTERED)
100- (COMMUNIST PARTY)
1 - Chicago File A)134-46

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FBI, CLEVELAND (100-1207) 3-31-55

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

PHIL BART, WAS.; IS-C. RE CV AIRTEL 3-29-55 AS CAPTIONED. CONTINUED
SPOT CHECK FIGURES ON INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED LIKELY TO BE CONTACTED BY
BART ON 3-30-55 UNPRODUCTIVE. CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]
BOTH OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ON 3-30-55 WHO ARE MOST LIKELY TO KNOW OF
BART'S VISIT TO CV, NEGATIVE. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

PHILIP BART, was.; IS - C, SA CP 1940. RE DE TELETYPE 3/28/55
AND CV AIRTEL 3/29/55 CAPTIONED, "PHIL BART, was., IS - C."
SPOT CHECKS ON 3/29/55 AND FIXED FIGURES 3/30 AND 31/55 ON
INDIVIDUALS AND ADDRESSES LIKELY TO BE CONTACTED BY BART
FAILED TO DISCLOSE INFO INDICATING THAT BART HAS BEEN IN PG. IN
EVENT FURTHER INFO RE BART IS RECEIVED BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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- CC -1- BUREAU (100-3284) (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Airtel message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (100-18953)

MARCH 31, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

CP, USA-ORGANIZATION, IS-C. CG 5824-S, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ORALLY ADVISED SA JOHN E. KEATING ON 3/29/55 THAT ON THAT DATE HE HAD BEEN SHOWN A LETTER BY CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT WHO STATED THAT THE LETTER CAME FROM THE OBU (OTHER BUREAU UNDERGROUND). THE LETTER WAS SIGNED PAUL. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT JAMES WEST, PRESENTLY OPERATING IN THE UNDERGROUND IN OHIO, HAS BEEN KNOWN TO USE THE NAME PAUL. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, INFORMANT STATED HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE LETTER CAME FROM A VERY TOP UNDERGROUND PERSON AND BASED HIS OPINION ON THE FACT THAT THE LETTER WAS VERY FORMAL. THIS LETTER REFLECTED THAT THE OBU HAS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF "DRESSING UP" THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, THAT IS, SENDING 300 OR 400 CP MEMBERS INTO THE PP ON A NATION WIDE BASIS AND REFLECTED THAT SOME CP MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN

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5-New York

100-80641 (CP-ORGANIZATION)

100-09985 (CP-UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)

100- (PROGRESSIVE PARTY)

100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)

100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1-Cleveland (100- (JAMES WEST)

5-Chicago

A)134-46

61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

100-21222 (CP-UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)

100-19003 (PROGRESSIVE PARTY)

100-20289 (JAMES WEST)

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BEEN SENT INTO THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY SO THAT THE CP WILL NOT LOSE CONTROL OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY. THE LETTER STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT MEAN GIVING UP WHAT WE HAVE NOW, THUS INDICATING, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, THAT THIS PLAN MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE PARTY IN PREPARATION FOR A DECISION ADVERSE TO THE PARTY ON THE MC CARRAN LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE CP. THE LETTER ALSO REFLECTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DISCUSSION BETWEEN OBU, THE "OLD MAN" (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER), AND PHIL (PHIL BART) WHICH IS NOT COMPLETED YET. THIS DISCUSSION CONCERNS THE POSSIBILITY OF SELECTING A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS CP MEMBERS IN THE EVENT THE COURTS UPHOLD THE MC CARRAN ACT. THESE PERSONS WOULD BE USED BY THE PARTY TO FIGHT A REAR GUARD ACTION.

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AIRTEL
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 4/1/55
BUREAU

PHILIP BART, WAS, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940. REPELLET,
3/16/55. MY REPORT BRINGING SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES UP TO
DATE HAS BEEN DICTATED AND IS PRESENTLY BEING TRANSCRIBED.
REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO EACH BUREAU BY 4/6/55.

KELLY

3 - BUREAU (100-3284) (REGULAR)

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1 - F. J. SMITH

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BUREAU

CP-USA POWER, IS-C, DAYLPT. ON THIS DATE, NY 1475-S*, WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTIVITIES AT CP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NYC, ADVISED THAT MARTHA STONE INQUIRED OF PHIL BART REGARDING, "HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE HAVE SO FAR?" PHIL BART ADVISED STONE THAT FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1955 THE CP HAD THE FOLLOWING TOTALS: JANUARY, 1955 \$7898, FEBRUARY, 1955 \$20,399, MARCH, 1955 \$5955. INFORMANT WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE SOURCES OF THE ABOVE LISTED FUNDS. NY 1457-S* ADVISED THAT MARTHA STONE IDENTIFIED THE ORG TO PHIL BART AS THE "LEGAL ARM IN DEFENSE OF THE PARTY".

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- 3- BUREAU (REGULAR)
- 1- NEW HAVEN (MARTHA STONE) (REGULAR)
- 1- NEWARK (MARTHA STONE) (REGULAR)
- 1- NY 100-66624 Sub A (CP-USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) 12-14
- 1- NY 100-66611 (MARTHA STONE) 7-5
- 1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 7-1
- 1- NY 100-80675 (CNC) 7-2

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NY 100-74560 7-1

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-84)
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-18962)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
SECURITY MEASURES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-29-55

The following information must be most carefully paraphrased when used in a report in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG-5824-S, of known reliability, orally furnished the following information to SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955:

Informant advised that he had received this information in the form of written notes from PHIL BART on March 24, 1955, at the residence of the informant. Informant advised that BART's notes were destroyed as soon as they had been reviewed by the informant.

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REGISTERED

- 1 - New Haven (REGISTERED)
100- (CP - SECURITY MEASURES)
- 5 - New York (REGISTERED)
100-81338 (CP - SECURITY MEASURES)
100-96985 (CP - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)
100- (CP - BRIEF)
- 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 100- (PHIL CABOT)

- 1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
100- (CP - SECURITY MEASURES)
- 1 - Portland (REGISTERED)
100- (CP - SECURITY MEASURES)
- 1 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
100- (CP - SECURITY MEASURES)
- 2 - Chicago
A) 134-46
61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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Director, FBI

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SECURITY MEASURES
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It is noted that CG-5824-S has advised that PHIL BART holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is no exact title for his position. Informant further advised that BART is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of CP finances.

Communist Party Commission
Studying the FBI

BART's notes indicated the Communist Party has a commission studying every phase of the investigative activities of the FBI, including technical methods used. BART stated that while conclusions have not been reached as yet on everything being investigated, the Party is convinced that while physical surveillances are not unimportant, the Party should worry more about infiltration than surveillances.

Composition, Number, and
Location of Commissions

BART stated that a commission studying security might be limited to one person and that the Party has four commissions studying security at the present time. (1) Concerning the ROBERT THOMPSON - SID STEIN pick-up, BART stated that one guy has been working over eight months going into every detail, studying all the prior movements and contacts made by those arrested. BART indicated that the CP is convinced that some of the information leading to the arrest came from sources within the CP. (2) BART stated that a commission is working in the Northwest on the Party situation in Seattle and in Oregon. He stated that the present commission has been working for two months and that it replaced another commission which had worked for six months. BART stated that one purpose of this commission is to determine if BARBARA HARTLE was a spy before the Smith Act trial and that the Party is also trying to determine who was responsible for approving HARTLE's re-admission into the Party after she had been out once. As a result of the BARBARA HARTLE incident, BART stated that all persons trying to get back into the Communist Party will be thoroughly checked. BART also indicated that the Party thinks that the Smith Act subject who committed suicide may have been a spy and that this was what caused him to commit suicide. BART also mentioned a person named [redacted] and stated that [redacted] and is out of the Party. (3) BART stated that the Party has a security commission working in Harlem because the Party believes that the present factional strife in Harlem may be the work of agents inside the Party. (4) BART also indicated that the Party

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has a commission working in Connecticut because of the pick-up of MARTHA STONE and the Party believes that they have their finger on the situation there and know who the spy was.

Security Investigation Commission

BART asked CG-5824-S to discuss with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT the establishment of a security organization in District Number Eight of the Communist Party. BART stated that this Commission will not be a control commission and will not be concerned with the morals, finances, or discipline of Party members but will actually be a Security Investigation Commission.

BART stated that the person placed in charge of this Commission must be a member of the District Board or District Secretariat and must be directly responsible either to the District Board or the District Secretariat. He stated that in the past, long-time CP members would have been used for such an assignment; however, at this time the Party wants a younger person who not only can move around but the type of person who would also head the security forces if the Communist Party ever does take over in the United States. BART stated that this person should have two people working with him but should not be answerable to them and that only the Chairman would know certain things and only he would have a national contact.

BART indicated that the purpose of this Security Investigation Commission would be to ferret out "stool pigeons" and maintain the "purity" of the Party, that is, be on the lookout for drunkards, gamblers, dope addicts, and persons who might become factionalists. BART stated this plan is to get rid of people in the "twilight zone" of membership by investigations which would either approve the person being investigated or would remove them from the Party with a public exposure.

This Commission, according to BART, would also deal with the verification and reverification of information on Communist Party members and would investigate applicants and persons on transfer. BART stated that the investigators should travel to the sources where a person was born, if necessary, in order to find out everything about him. The Security Investigation Commission should also investigate the possibilities of technical equipment being used to obtain information concerning the Party. BART stated that a Security Investigation Commission has already been set up in the underground and that one is being set up for the open CP on a national basis.

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Persons Who Have
To Be Watched

BART stated that certain people, based on the experience gained through observing the operations of MATT CVETIC and BERNICE BALDWIN, must be watched. BART stated that the FBI has a certain pattern that it is not interested in the policies of the Party but in the names of Party members. In contrast to this, BART stated that "our guys" are interested in politics and tactics and the Party has in the past given the menial job of keeping records to anyone who wanted it. In this regard, BART stated how disastrous it would be if the FBI were able to repeat another LAUTNER.

Because of this, the Party reasons that any person eager to handle records and names and other tedious tasks will be suspect and leading people will be told that they will have to perform these jobs.

PHIL CABOT

In connection with this discussion, BART mentioned PHIL CABOT who formerly worked in CP Headquarters in New York City. BART stated that CABOT is out of the Party, that he is suspect, and is even called a "stoolie" by some of the CP members. BART stated that some of the Party people were sent to CABOT and that he would not talk to them and also he has some records which he has never turned over to the Communist Party.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-18952)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-29-55

The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be most carefully handled in order to protect the identity of the informant:

CG-5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955, he received the following information during conversations on March 23, 24, and 25, 1955, with PHIL BART, whose position is equivalent to that of National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is no exact title for his position. Informant further advised that BART is a member of

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 - 100- (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 100- (CP - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 100- (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - 100- (COMINFIL, USA - CIO)
- 1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (CP - DISTRICT #2 - MEMBERSHIP)
- ⑤ - New York City (REGISTERED)
 - 100-80638 (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 100-96985 (CP - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)
 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 100-80640 (CP - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 100- (CP - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - San Diego (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
- 6 - Chicago
 - A) 134-46
 - 100-18956 (CP - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 100-19431 (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - 100-8495 (COMINFIL - USA-CIO)
 - 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - Springfield (REGISTERED)
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the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of CP finances. Informant further advised that MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District Number Eight, of the CP, was present during most of these conversations.

BART and WEST both stated that the registration has been completed in District Number Eight of the CP which is composed of the State of Illinois and Lake County, Indiana, and that the total registered members for this District, as agreed to by the Organizational Commission of District Number Eight, is 1100 members.

BART stated that while at one time Illinois and California had about the same membership in the Communist Party, at the present time California has almost three times the membership of Illinois and is running neck-and-neck with New York.

California

When he explained the fact that California has surpassed Illinois in membership BART stated that the real leadership in California was arrested early and that the Party did not go underground in California to the same extent that it did in New York and Illinois. He stated that the Party has continued to maintain its headquarters in California and has a large Marxist School and that the Party has more or less remained in the open.

New York

In speaking of New York, BART stated that most of the District leadership in New York is in the underground, in jail, or are refugees. He stated that the Party in New York has a strong underground but a weak open Party organization in general. As a result of this, there is confusion in New York because the underground intervenes in almost everything that the Party does. He stated that a similar situation existed in Illinois until LIGHTFOOT was arrested. He stated that since LIGHTFOOT became active in the open Party he has relegated the underground to the background.

Negro Question

While talking of membership among Negroes, BART used the term catastrophic in referring to the loss of Negro membership

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everywhere. He stated that even in shop clubs the relationship between white and colored is not good and he stated that he could not think of one good example in this regard. He stated that at Inland Steel at South Chicago, the Party has only three Negro members.

In referring to Harlem, BART stated that as of the day he left New York, that is March 23, 1955, all of Harlem had turned in only fourteen subscriptions to "The Worker" and he said that the Negroes will not work there because there is friction between the whites and the Negroes.

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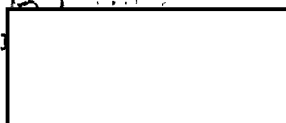
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 3-29-53
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - Organization
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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 - 100-3-89 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
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 - 100-80641 (CP - Organization)
 - 100-89590 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
 - 100-80633 (CP - Education)
 - 100-81675 (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
 - 100-96985 (CP - Underground Operations)
 - 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
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 - 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL)
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CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955, of the results of a conference between the informant and PHIL BART at the former's residence in Chicago between the evening of March 23, 1955, and the afternoon of March 25, 1955. Informant advised that MOLLIE WEST was present during most of these conferences. It is to be noted that CG 5824-S has advised that PHIL BART holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, although there is no exact title for his position. Informant has further advised that BART is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of CP finances. Informant has further advised that MOLLIE WEST is the Organizational Secretary of District #8, CP.

Purpose of BART's Trip to Chicago
and the Middle West

CG 5824-S advised that after leaving Chicago BART planned to proceed to Detroit to confer with SOL WELLMAN, would then proceed to Cleveland to confer with CHARLES KRSHMAREK, would then go to Pittsburgh before returning to New York City prior to April 1, 1955, when a meeting of the National Administrative Committee was scheduled to be held in New York City.

The purpose of BART's trip was as follows:

1. To visit basic concentration districts and to discuss with them the present organization and contemplated reorganization of the CP so that the Party might be prepared for any situations that might arise at the present time or in the immediate future.
2. To obtain information on the status of the CP organization in those districts he is visiting in preparation for the formalization of certain organizational structures that will be adopted at a CP conference to be held in April, 1955.

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3. BART also took up other matters with CG 5824-S to be discussed with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and which will be incorporated in separate memoranda.

Communist Party Conference on Organization

BART told CG 5824-S that the CP will hold a conference, place not indicated, sometime around April 25, 26, or 27, 1955. BART stated that the only item on the agenda at this conference will be CP organization and that the conference will not be large but will probably have one important representative from the districts he is visiting, that is, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Western Pennsylvania, and in addition one person from important districts in the East, such as the Northeast, Connecticut, New York, and Western Pennsylvania. BART stated that in connection with this conference he is preparing a document, with help, which will receive inner-Party circulation prior to the conference.

Communist Party Organization and Future Plans

BART stated that the CP is worried about what is in prospect after the court's ruling on the McCarran Law (membership) and that they expect the decision will be adverse to the Party. Because of this the Party wants to review the present organizational structure of the Party at all levels from top to bottom including the relationship between the open or "legal" Party and the "illegal" or underground Party and compare it with the status of the CP organization in 1951 when the Party started to move underground. The Party also wants to draw some lessons from the actions of the Party in 1951 as they were reviewed in the Steven's report which was given at the time of the national underground conference.

BART stated that the present plans of the Party contemplate the taking of as many CP members as possible into the confidence of the Party prior to the time that any move is made. BART stated that the purpose of this is to permit the Party members to know what is going on so that they will fully understand what is happening in the event that it is necessary for another large movement into the underground while some people may have to remain in the open.

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BART stated that the CP has reasoned that the "catastrophic" (BART's adjective) losses of Party membership is due to the fact that the Party moved too hurriedly into the underground in 1951 without leaving a rear guard to carry on the fight.

Shades of Opinion in the Party as to Present Organization and Future Prospective of the Party

BART stated that at the present time there are shades of opinion, as contrasted to outright differences, in the Party as to what the present organization of the Party should be and as to the future prospectives of the Party. BART stated that there were real differences in the Party on these items until the "guys" like DENNIS came out of jail recently.

Citing an example, BART stated that in New York most of the Party organization as distinguished from the Party leadership is in the open and has been violating all rules of security with some functional clubs having as many as 15 members while in Michigan, on the other hand, there is the other extreme where the Party leadership cannot see any club functioning except a shop club. So the present plan is to sound out everyone in leadership to find a happy medium for the present situation and the foreseeable future.

BART stated that some of the differences of opinion were carried over from the "jailed" group, particularly the "Leavenworth group" composed of GUS HALL, ROBERT THOMPSON and CARL WINTER with IRVING POTASH as the transmitter of their opinion. BART stated that the opinion of this group has been subsequently verified by WINTER and that they advocated that the entire CP go underground immediately. BART stated that the Leavenworth group advocates a broad "illegal" Party, not just a reserve here and there, with hundreds of persons in the underground operating within a large underground structure. On the other hand, however, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN WILLIAMSON and JACK STACHEL have a different view, which according to BART will prevail, and this view is that the CP should continue to try to find "legal" or open forms for work while at the same time strengthening the reserve.

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Party Discussion Concerning a Radically
Now Open Organization in the Future

BART stated that political issues, such as additional unfavorable court decisions against the Party, the possibility of war, or other conditions in the United States, have motivated this emphasis by the Party on organization. He stated that there has been some discussion which is still continuing with regard to the possible establishment of a new open organization in the future if the situation demands it. BART stated that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and EUGENE DENNIS have discussed the possibility and have been considering an organization which would not be called Communist, possibly would not be called Marxist and the purpose of this would be to permit people to join this organization without being subject to legal action. This organization might even be in the form of clubs in each city with no national affiliation; perhaps a debating society in Chicago, an economic organization in New York, a choral group elsewhere, in an effort to buy "legality" for a little while longer.

Conclusions Arrived at by the Communist Party
Leadership Regarding the Present Organization of the Party

BART stated that in a self-critical manner CP leadership has arrived at the following conclusions:

1. The CP made a too mechanical estimate of the situation in 1951 and mistakes made then will not be repeated.
2. Since 1951 the CP has been organized in such a manner that it has reached the point where it is fragmentized into too many separate packages.
3. The CP will start in earnest to build up shop clubs and these clubs as always will remain the basic organization of the Party and as always will be considered "illegal" although here and there a calculated risk will be taken. BART stated that these clubs will also serve as the basis for the CP reserve.

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4. Simultaneously the Party will continue to fight for an open or "legal" expression. BART stated that this plan is chiefly that of EUGENE DENNIS and that he has the full support of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in this regard. DENNIS stated that the Party put too much emphasis on defending individual members of the Party who were on trial and did not put enough emphasis on defending the Party as such. DENNIS stated that the Party should try to get support for the Party as such from individuals believing in civil liberties.

Concentration Policy in Shops

BART stated that in regard to item three above, the CP must alter its concentration policy in shops because of the present mergers of unions. For example, he stated that if the United Packinghouse Workers of America-CIO merge with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workers Union-AF of L, the Party must shift its emphasis to the AF of L. He also stated that the Party must get into central labor councils such as the Chicago Federation of Labor. BART also stated that the auto industry becomes a bigger concentration point because of the merger of FE-UE locals into the United Auto Workers-CIO and because of the possibility of a merger of the entire CIO and the AF of L.

Correlation of Shop Work with Community Work

BART stated that a big problem has arisen because security measures have necessitated the separation of Party work in the shops from Party work in the community clubs. He stated that at times CP work in the shop clubs has come to a standstill or has become too separated from community problems. As a result of this, certain organizational changes will be made:

1. Shop clubs or branches will remain as they are at the present with no connection or liaison with community clubs or branches because of security reasons.
2. Industrial sections will also remain as they are with no connection or liaison between them and community sections.
3. Industrial divisions will also remain as they are with probably no connection between industrial and community divisions.

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4. On a regional level a most trustworthy person from the community region committee such as the Regional Organizer or even a community section Organizer who may or may not be a member of the Regional Community Committee will also become a member of a Regional Committee for Shop Divisions.

BART stated that this situation which has not existed to the present time will be flexible with regard to the position held by the community leader who will be selected as a member of the Industrial Region Committee. An example of this new Regional Organization setup was given when MARY NEFF, Organizer of the South Chicago Community Section was suggested as a possible representative to the Regional Committee for Steel Divisions in District #8 of the CP.

Reason for Correlation of Shop
Work and Community Work

BART stated that this new organizational plan for correlation of CP work in shops and communities is necessitated by the new CP political and trade union policies and tactics, that is, the current CP policy of working in "right-led" organizations including trade unions, the P.T.A., church groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and in fact any organization in existence in any community. BART stated that because of this new CP policy there cannot be a complete isolation of the work of shop groups from the work in community groups. He stated that there is often an overlapping of objectives and cited as an example a mayoralty election campaign where the shop groups should be trying to influence a union to endorse the same candidate that the community groups are working for. BART stated, however, that for security reasons the liaison between shop and community groups will usually not go below the regional level, may go into the divisional level and possibly even into the section level on occasion but certainly no lower than that in order to protect the identity of members of shop clubs.

Need for Uniformity of the Party
Work and Methods of Work

BART stated that the organization of the CP has been

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haphazard since 1951 and that the Party has lost uniformity in work. He again cited the example in New York City where a club may have 15 members and elsewhere a club may have no more than three members. He stated that the Party is faced with the task of establishing uniformity in the organizational structure and methods of work on a national basis and to achieve this it will:

1. Conduct regular registrations again.
2. Will analyze Party registration in order to determine the composition of the Party.
3. Party will want tabulations of Party membership and will draw certain conclusions from these figures.
4. CP registration will be uniform throughout the country. In this regard BART stated that California had recently drawn up a registration blank for registration and verification consisting of 20 questions. BART stated that such a registration blank is out of the question and the Party is trying to determine who proposed these 20 questions. He stated that the registration blank which will finally be adopted will possibly be limited to the following: age, industry, race, membership in trade union or other mass organization and possibly length of time in the Party.
5. It is also to have a Press Director, Literature Director, Membership Director and Educational Director for each club, section, district and region. With regard to education, BART stated that the Party will try to re-establish the educational apparatus wherever possible and in this connection will use largely a 31 page educational outline prepared by EUGENE DAVID (DAVE ENGLESTEIN). It is to be noted that DAVE ENGLESTEIN is operating in the underground of District #8 of the CP.
6. The CP will not re-establish an Organizational Bulletin but will establish a separate section or department in "Political Affairs" devoted to ideological problems such as relate to organization, for example the training of cadre or the application

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of a policy organizationally. The informant stated that this would be similar to what was formerly known as "agit-Prop" or "Org-Prop".

Synchronized Campaigns

BART stated that the Party will make proposals at the forthcoming conference on organization that as a part of re-organizing and strengthening the CP organization, press drives, fund drives and registration drives be carried on simultaneously in all districts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-89)
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-19431)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
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DATE: 3-29-55

The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be carefully handled to protect the identity of the informant:

CG-5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955, that he had obtained the following information from PHIL BART during conversations with BART at the informant's residence in Chicago during the period from March 23, 1955 to March 25, 1955. The informant has advised that PHIL BART holds a position equivalent

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 - 100- (JAMES WEST)
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 - 100- (JAKE BLAKE)
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1 - 100-3826 (THOMAS KELLY)
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1 - 100-12259 (ARTHUR HAENDLE)
1 - 100-10286 (GEORGE POWERS)
1 - 100-24729 (EMANUEL BLUM)
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to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party although there is no exact title for his position. He has further advised that BART is also a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party and is in charge of CP finances. Informant further advised that MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District Number Eight of the Communist Party, was present during most of these conversations.

National Communist Party
Fraction in Steel

BART stated that the Communist Party is planning to re-establish a CP fraction in steel for the purpose of coordinating the Party's work in the steel industry.

It is to be noted that CG-5824-S has described a Communist Party fraction as a group of CP members who occupy a leadership position in a union or industry. The number of persons in a fraction may vary. The Party leadership decides who among the CP members can be present and who cannot be present at a CP fraction meeting. A fraction usually consists of a regular group but is elastic to the extent that the Party can invite any CP member it chooses to a fraction meeting in order to discuss a particular problem.

BART stated that the Party would try to locate this steel fraction in Ohio not because Ohio or Pittsburgh have a lot of Party members left in steel but because Ohio was centrally located and in this connection he mentioned the Youngstown, Ohio area.

Person Mentioned As Possible
Leader of National Communist
Party Fraction in Steel

BART stated that "CHUCK" from Ohio, who was not further identified, was being considered to head the national CP steel fraction and he wanted to know if Illinois had anyone to recommend. The name of JIM WEST was mentioned but BART stated that WEST is doing national trade union work for the underground.

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National Communist Party
Conference in Steel

BART stated that the Communist Party would call a Steel Conference to establish a national program. In this regard he stated that the United Steel Workers of America - CIO has turned into a reactionary union and that the Party is faced with security problems since the Constitution of the USA-CIO provides that CP members cannot remain as members of the union.

Possible Full-Time Communist
Party Organizer in Steel in the
Chicago - Calumet Area

BART stated that Chicago should have a full time CP Organizer in steel for the Chicago - Calumet area and stated that no one has held this position since the late FRANK MUCCI became ill.

Informant stated in this connection the name of MANNY BLUM was mentioned; however, it was decided that BLUM does not have the necessary qualifications for this job although he will be in charge of the Communist Party in the rest of Indiana when the Indiana and Illinois Districts of the Communist Party are merged.

The name of ART HAENDLE was also mentioned in this connection by BART and he stated the possibility of putting HAENDLE on this job should be discussed with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. BART stated that the National Office of the CP does not need HAENDLE and that HAENDLE is not the type of person to give guidance even to Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Another person mentioned as a possibility for this job was IZZY GLICKER, who was described as a former leader in youth and colonizer in Gary, who was fired from his job. MOLLIE WEST stated that GLICKER wants to leave Gary but that the District wants him to stay there and try to get a new job in steel.

TOM KELLY was also mentioned in connection with this job; however, it was stated that he is presently working at U. S. Steel and that it is physically impossible for him or anyone else

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to work as an organizer and work at a job all day. For this reason, a decision would have to be made concerning whether or not to make KELLY a full-time functionary.

Colonizers in Gary

BART stated that there are two colonizers in Gary who had been sent into Gary from the east. Outside of saying that one is a former professor and that the other is a former sea captain, BART did not further identify them. He asked MOLLIE WEST whether or not either of them have been contacted by anyone from the District Number Eight leadership and she stated that they had not been contacted to her knowledge.

JAKE BLAKE

CG-5824-S stated that PHIL BART and MOLLIE WEST discussed JAKE BLAKE, a Negro who is a CP member in Gary. MOLLIE WEST stated that BLAKE wants to go back into the ministry and that someone will have to talk him out of this.

GEORGE POWERS

CG-5824-S stated that during the discussion on steel, BART stated that the Party feels that GEORGE POWERS is no good and that he is not "connected up". Informant stated that he interpreted BART's remark to mean that while POWERS is still a CP member he does not hold any position of influence in the Party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-94)
FROM: SAC, Memphis (100-459)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION

DATE: 3/31/55

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RE: CONTACT OF L. E. McGURTY, TENN. CP CHAIRMAN WITH
PHIL BART AND JUNIUS SCALES IN NEW YORK CITY
IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, 1955

On 3/23/55, [] orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE
as follows:

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On 3/22/55, on the date of the burial of his mother-in-law,
Mrs. ELIZABETH DAVIS, LAWRENCE E. McGURTY, 3658 Townes Avenue, Memphis,
Tenn., who is the Tenn. chairman of the Communist Party aka CP []

He said that while he was in New York City in late February
and early March, 1955, that he had a long discussion with CP functionaries,
JUNIUS IRVING SCALES and PHIL BART. He said they discussed the fact that as
of that time, MILDRED McGURTY, wife of L. E. McGURTY, and also a CP member was

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taking care of her sick mother and as a result, was having to neglect some of her CP duties. They discussed, according to L. E. McGURTY, whether or not it was proper for MILDRED to do this or whether it would be better for her to get someone else to care for her mother and thus be able to devote more of her time to CP activities. Finally, according to L. E. McGURTY, they all agreed it was best for MILDRED to care for her mother under the circumstances.



[redacted] described JUNIUS SCALES as the last known Southern Regional Committee Director of CP, USA.

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PHIL BART was last reported to be active in the operation of the underground organization of the Communist Party as reflected on page 22 of report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS at New York, 1/19/35 entitled "Communist Party, USA, IS-C." (Source [redacted] identified as T-70 in said report.)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-31966)

DATE: 3-31-55

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-3313)

SUBJECT : JACK KLING, was.
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CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 29, 1955, that recently PHIL BART and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT used the name, "ADOLPH" when referring to JACK KLING. In this connection, CG 5824-S and other sources have established that ADOLPH RABINOWITZ has been used as a courier for KLING, delivering messages between KLING and his wife, SUE KLING.

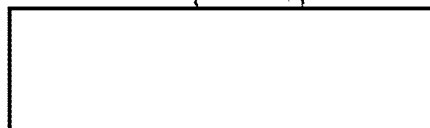
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation reflects BART employed in open CP activities since early February, 1955, and is residing with sister and brother-in-law at 120 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY. He reportedly holds the position of Organizational Secretary and Treasurer, CP, USA, and is a member of the National Administrative Committee. His activities indicate he is principally interested in CP funds and responsible for both open and underground financial interests. On 2/23/55, subject left NYC for a tour of CP districts in connection with new CP Fund Drive.

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DETAILS:

T-1, T-4, T-5, T-6 and T-7, mentioned in this report, have furnished reliable information in the past. T-2 and T-3 are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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T-1 advised on February 14, 1955, he had received information which indicated the subject had been relieved of his Communist Party Underground assignment and would be employed in open Communist Party activities.

The informant subsequently advised he was informed by a member of the National Administrative Committee that the subject was no longer in the Communist Party Underground, and would be working in New York City. The informant stated the subject would likely work out of National Communist Party Headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

On February 14, 1955, T-2 advised the subject was observed as he entered National Communist Party Headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, at approximately 1:05 P. M. He was not again observed on this day.

Residence

On February 22, 1955, T-3 advised that the subject departed from Communist Party National Headquarters at approximately 7:30 P. M. in the company of an unknown female, believed to be MARTHA STONE. The informant stated they stopped for dinner at a sea food restaurant on 23rd Street, just West of Seventh Avenue, and subsequently continued to 23rd Street 8th Avenue subway station where they separated. The informant related from here, the subject continued to the residence of his sister and brother-in-law, PHILIP and CELIA LEVY, 120 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York.

T-7 has identified MARTHA STONE as a member of the National Administrative Committee, Communist Party, USA.

On March 18, 1955, Mrs. MARJORIE BONGIORNO, 128 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York, advised she had observed an individual in the vicinity of the LEVY residence that closely resembled the subject.

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On March 22, 1955, T-4 advised that the subject contacted his sister, CELIA LEVY, 120 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York, and advised her he would not be home this evening. The informant stated it appeared from their conversation that CELIA had been expecting him.

Current Communist Party
Position and Activities

On December 6, 1954, T-5 advised he had been informed on this date that PHILIP BART is now head of finances of the National Office, Communist Party, USA. Further, that BART is responsible for "everything" in the Party including the Underground and is supplying the Underground first, and whatever is left goes to open Party affairs.

On January 31, 1955, T-1 advised he had been informed by a member of a National Communist Party Committee that the subject, on or about this date, had assumed a new position of leadership in the Communist Party. The informant could not elaborate further regarding the subject's new position. He stated, however, the subject was known as "JIM" in connection with this position. Further, that it would appear from this that the subject, in his new position, would continue to operate in the Communist Party Underground apparatus.

The informant further stated that the subject succeeded deceased WILLIAM WEINER as head of the Communist Party Reserve Fund.

On February 18, 1955, T-1 further advised he had been informed that PHILIP BART is Organizational Secretary and Treasurer, Communist Party, USA, and continues to have charge of the Communist Party Reserve Fund.

T-6 advised on February 18, 1955, that a National Conference of the Communist Party, USA would be held on February 19-20, 1955 at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

On February 19, 1955, this informant advised that PHIL BART was chairman of this Conference on this date. Further, that "Daily Worker" circulation was the main topic of discussion at the Conference, and that delegates were present from Bronx, New York City, Detroit, Michigan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Chicago, Illinois. The informant advised 69 delegates were in attendance.

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

On February 21, 1955, T-6 further advised that the subject had spent most of Sunday, February 20, 1955, at the offices of the "Daily Worker", New York City.

On February 28, 1955, T-7 advised a conference was held regarding the "Daily Worker" at the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City. According to the informant, this conference concerned the current financial status of the "Daily Worker". He stated that the subject lead the discussions.

The informant identified MIRIAM STONE and CHARLES NUSSER as among those present at this conference. The informant identified NUSSER as a Communist Party functionary from the Newark, New Jersey area. He further stated that the "Daily Worker" deficit is approximately \$150,000.00

On March 3, 1955, T-5 stated that the subject had informed him that he (BART) is actually National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, although there is no title for his present position. The informant further advised the subject stated he is also in charge of Communist Party funds and is a member of the National Administrative Committee.

On March 3, 1955, T-5 also advised that he had been informed that the subject is going to make a trip to the Midwest and will arrive in Chicago on March 23, 1955. According to this informant, BART will stay in Chicago through March 26, 1955. The informant stated MOLLY WEST would arrange meetings for BART and that he (BART) had some problems to take up with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ART HAENDLE.

T-5 identified MOLLY WEST, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ART HAENDLE as leading Communist Party functionaries of the Chicago area.

In regard to the subject's trip to Chicago, T-4 advised on March 22, 1955, that P. BART made reservations on TWA Flight Number 61 to Chicago, which flight departed

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from New York 6:15 A. M., March 23, 1955 from La Guardia Field, and arrived in Chicago 9:40 A. M., Eastern Standard Time.

In this connection, on March 23, 1955 T-1 stated he had been advised that PHIL BART recently departed from New York City to visit Communist Party Districts' Headquarters, in connection with the new National Communist Party Fund Drive. The informant stated he was informed that BART would return to New York City on April 12, 1955. Further, that the Communist Party desired to raise \$175,000.00 in this drive; \$100,000.00 for the "Daily Worker" and \$75,000.00 for the National Communist Party Organization.

On March 8, 1955, T-7 advised that PHIL BART is a member of the National Secretariat of the Communist Party, and on this date attended meeting at National Communist Party Headquarters, 263 Seventh Avenue, New York City. The informant identified other members of the Secretariat present at this meeting as CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, ALBERT BLINDBERG, GEORGE WATT and MARTHA STONE. The informant was unable to furnish details of this meeting.

Underground Activities

On March 3, 1955, T-5 also advised that PHIL BART had informed him (T-5) that during the period he (BART) was operating in the Communist Party Underground, he was Party Organizer for Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Texas and the Rocky Mountain area. BART further advised the informant he had made trips to the West Coast during this period.

T-5 also advised on this date that PHIL BART had informed him that he (BART) was to see some underground people over the week end of February 25, 1955. The informant stated BART did not qualify this statement.

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Past Communist Party Activities

CORNELIA MARGARETHA ANDERSON, in December, 1954, voluntarily identified individuals who, in her opinion, had been Communist Party members during the period she was associated with Communist Party activities. She identified PHILIP BART as Communist Party Organizer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She further stated she paid her Communist Party dues to CONSTANCE BART, wife of PHIL BART.

JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman, New York State Review Commission, who was expelled from the Communist Party in 1950, has advised that the subject was Communist Party Organizer, Philadelphia District, for four years from 1945 to late 1949 or early 1950.

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T-1 NY 694*	2/14/55 Info subject in open CP	2/14/55		
	1/31/55 Info re subject's position in CP	1/31/55		
	2/18/55 Additional info re subject's position in CP	2/18/55		
	3/23/55 Info re subject's travel	3/23/55		
T-2 Fisur of subject at CP Headquarters	2/14/55	2/14/55	SAs BOYD B. HENRY, THOMAS J. WALSH, [redacted] [redacted]	Instant Report b6 b7C
T-3 Fisur of subject at CP Headquarters	2/22/55	2/22/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	Instant Report
T-4 NY 693-SA	Info re subject's residence address	3/22/55		
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T-5 CG 5824-S*	Info re subject's position in CP	12/6/54		
	3/3/55 Info re subject's position in CP	3/3/55		
	Info re subject's travel and CP activities			
	Info re subject's CP UG activities			
T-6 [redacted]	2/18/55 Info re subject's CP activities	2/18/55		
	2/21/55 Info re subject's activities	2/21/55		
T-7 NY 1475-S*	2/28/55 Info re activities of subject	2/28/55		
	3/8/55 Info re subject's position in CP	3/8/55		

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MISCELLANEOUS

BART is a Smith Act subject. The office of prosecution is Philadelphia.

Recent investigation indicates the subject's wife holds a responsible position on the national level of the CP Underground apparatus. Her activities were closely followed from 11/8 to 11/23/54, at which time she was in contact with individuals known to be operating on a national level status of the CP Underground. Her residence during this period was 924 East 181st Street, Bronx, New York, care of ROSE LISEN. As best it could be determined, CONSTANCE BART moved from this residence on, or around 11/23/54.

Her residence address was unknown until 2/23/55, at which time investigation determined she was residing at 45-35 44th Street, apartment 4-K, Queens, New York, care of EMMETT IDKIS. She is currently residing at this address.

From 2/23/55 to date, she has contacted, among others, the following individuals:

JACK KILING
IRVING LARMAN
MARION DELORES TODD

RACALAI BERNSTEIN, all believed to be operating on the national level of the CP Underground.

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In addition, CONSTANCE BART was in contact with the subject. This meeting under clandestine conditions occurred at 7:00 P. M., February 26, 1955, on a street corner at Elizabeth, New Jersey. They subsequently registered at the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel through Sunday evening, February 27, 1955.

On 2/15/55, the following individuals who reside in the neighborhood of the subject's relatives, were alerted of the possibility of the subject's presence in those areas:

Mrs. MARJ RIE BONCIGNO
128 Avenue N
Brooklyn, New York

Mrs. MARGARET VERBECK
1975 51st Street
Brooklyn, New York

ANNE WACKENWICK, Superintendent, 240 East 22nd Street, NYC, advised SA [redacted] on 2/28/55, that she had not observed the subject at this address. She related

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that SELMA WEISS continues to reside at this address. It is noted SELMA WEISS resided with the subject and his wife prior to the time they (the subject and his wife) entered the CP Underground in the Fall of 1951.

LEADS

PHILADELPHIA (Info)

Copies of this report have been designated for the Philadelphia Office, inasmuch as that office is the office of prosecution.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will, through established sources, continue to follow the current activities of the subject.

Will also follow the activities of the subject's wife, CONSTANCE C. DART, to determine if the subject maintains contact with the CP Underground through the activities of his wife.

REFERENCE: Report of SA 12/3/54, NY.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-94) DATE: 4/7/55
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-96985)
 SUBJECT: CP, USA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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Re NY letters dated 12/29/54 and 1/27/55

- 2 - All Offices
 1 - Bureau 100-3-69 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)
 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (#12-14)
 1 - NY 100-123389 (B.'s ASSISTANT PER NK 1993-S*)(#12-14)
 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123390 (D.'s ASSISTANT PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-124352-1 (DICK PER NY 1418-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-120373 (MARION DOLORES DODD) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-87561 (ESTHER EISENSCHER) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-58897-s (UNSUB, 'A: FRED PER NY 1418-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-100351 (SYLVIA HALL) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-82430 (IRVING HERMAN) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123393 (J. PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123388 (J.'s ASSISTANT PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-121524-11 (JOHN PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123391 (JOHN'S SECURITY PERSON PER NK 1993-S*)(7-1)
 1 - NY 100-37428 (CELESTE STRACK KAPLAN) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-124263-1 (MARGE PER NY 1418-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123395 (N. PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123360-2 (NAT PER NY 1418-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123392 (PERSON HEADING APPARATUS PER NK 1993-S*)(7-1)
 1 - NY 100-28609 (HAL SIMON) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-20649 (EDWARD EUGENE STRONG) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-123396 (T. PER NK 1993-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-124009 (TON PER NY 1418-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100- (TONY PER NY 1487-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-18672 (MAX MORRIS WEISS) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100- (CHRIS PER NK 2010-S*)(#7-1)
 ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1) 85,6
 1 - NY 100- (PAUL PER NK 2010-S*)(#7-1)
 1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG) (#7-5)
 1 - NY 100-105699 (COMFUGS) (#7-1)
 1 - NY 100- (HENRY FARASH) (#7-5)

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setting forth information concerning a CP national underground apparatus identified by NK 1993-S* and NY 1418-S*.

Additional information concerning this apparatus has been received from NK 2010-S*, a source close to JACK KLING; NY 1487-S* and NY 1500-S*, sources close to IRVING HERMAN; NY 1294-S*, a source close to GEORGE WATT and ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, members of the National Administrative Committee and CSSF 2140-S*, a source close to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, open CP leader of District No. 13, CP, USA.

Particular attention should be directed to Unsub, wa: CHRIS, who is reported on in this letter.

CHRIS appears to be an underground functionary, possibly operating on a higher level than the previously described national apparatus.

Unsub, wa: JOHN (Negro) is believed identical with EDWARD EUGENE STRONG, missing Smith Act subject of the Philadelphia Office.

IRVING HERMAN has been identified as being identical with T. and TONY.

JUDY (ESTHER EISENSCHER) is probably identical with Unsub, wa: MARGE.

VI (CONSTANCE BART) is possibly identical with N. and NAT.

Attention should also be directed to the "A.S." which appears to be a high level entity setting policy for the CP.

SCOPE

As previously set forth, the scope of the

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national apparatus was not definitely known. [REDACTED] had reported that the CP was divided into 4 sectors, namely eastern, southern, mid-west and western regions. This information was asked if a 5th sector, the NY district (CP, USA District #2) did exist. However, the informant did not know that such a district existed but felt that it was probably within the eastern region.

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From a review of information furnished primarily by CSSF 2140-S*, it is known that certain problems in District #13 underground are referred to V. (MAX MORRIS WEISS) and the "east."

Information furnished by NK 2010-S* shows that KLING has interest in all geographical sections of the country, and further assists in policy decisions of the National Administrative Committee as does MAX MORRIS WEISS.

NY 1500-S* furnished similar information from the possession of IRVING HERMAN.

In view of the above, it is logical to conclude that the apparatus first identified by NK 1993-S* and subsequently by NY 1418-S* is operating not in a geographical section of the country but rather its scope is national.

Concerning the regions or sectors of the CP, USA, it is known from NY 1440-S*, a source close to NED SPARKS, apparent leader of the eastern region, that there is an eastern region composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

NK 2010-S* furnished information that a southern region does exist and indicated that it is most probably headed by Unsub, wa: JOEN, who has been identified by NY 1294-S* as EDWARD EUGENE STRONG.

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It is, therefore, logical to assume that information furnished by [] is correct in that there exists an eastern, southern, mid-west and western region. b7D

The geographical structure of the eastern region of the CP as shown by NY 1440-S* does not include NY State. However, the NY State CP (District #2, CP, USA) comprises approximately 50% of the total membership of the CP. It is, therefore, assumed that the NY State CP is a region or district in itself and reports and functions in a similar manner as the other regions do. In support of this assumption, NY 1166-S* a source close to DAVID ROSENBERG, who in July, 1954 was operating within the NY State CP underground, furnished photographic reproductions of documents in ROSENBERG's possession. These documents show that the NY District was treated the same as certain groups of states which could be considered regions. It was noted in certain of these documents that ROSENBERG was to be assisted by JACKILLING in reorganizing the NY District.

In view of the above, it is offered that there are 5 regions in the CP, USA, namely, the NY District, the Eastern Region, the Southern Region, the Mid-West Region and the Western Region.

The following is pertinent information concerning the national underground apparatus which has been taken from information furnished by the above identified informants.

ORGANIZATION

A.S.

The identity of A.S. is not known. However, from the use of these letters in the meaning in which it is used, it appears that the A.S. is an entity similar

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to the National Administrative Committee (open Party)
or the Organizational Bureau (national underground).
It would appear that the A.S. is organizationally
higher than either of these 2 mentioned committees.

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approved by the "A.S."

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to OTTO (JACK KLING) concerning a review of the major
reorganizational problems facing the Party (this letter
is set out in detail under the caption, CHRIS).
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PERSONNEL

BILL

GUSTAVE HAROLD SIMON

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It is offered that the BILL mentioned herein is SIMON, who is known in the underground by the name of BILL.

CHRIS

The identity of CHRIS is not known at this time. However, he appears to be a leading national CP underground functionary.

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CHRIS writes, "The questions receiving our attention are":

1. Party's fight for legality
2. Registration statistics
3. "The main problems which emerge as those requiring the greatest political attention and determination of policy approaches":
 - a. The fight for the Party, its policies, vanguard role and organization - establish contact and organizational ties with masses.
 - b. Clarification of the CP concentration policy
 - c. The problems of the shop clubs today in face of practical illegality in industry.
 - d. Party organization in relation to CP trade union work.
 - e. The Party in Negro communities.
 - f. Community organization.

"As you see, we are attempting to approach the main areas of Party organization from the basic

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point of view of strengthening the Party's ties with the working class...Our study (is somewhat different) from JIM's letter to you (based on the discussion in the NAC), but I do not think there is a basic contradiction. Our work is to supplement his..."

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The motions which were adopted at a recent meeting are sort of "interim" decisions. CHRIS attached a copy of these motions for DICK's information and JIM's. This enclosure, mentioned by CHRIS, was obtained by NK 2010-S* and is being set out at the end of the discussion of CHRIS.

CHRIS goes on to say, "I also attach policy and procedure on applications for re-admission for membership and procedure on transfers adopted by California, and which the decisions shall be adopted as national procedure. (Some minor adjustments are probably necessary in these documents; these can be made by JIM and his comm.)" This enclosure has not as yet been identified by NK 2010-S*.

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information! In the meantime, dont hesitate to send thru information you feel it is pertinent for us to have.

"I shall be seeing PAUL (identity unknown) with whom I anticipate a full-dress review of all the questions outlined above. The results of that meeting will also be reported to you and JIM when we meet."

The identity of CHRIS is not known. He undoubtedly is not an open Party person for he then would have ready access to JIM (PHIL BART) and the National Administrative Committee which he obviously does not have. CHRIS talks about work by "we" and "our" sector, which work is policy making and sets national procedure. CHRIS speaks to KLING with authority - "before (his report) is finalized, we 3 are to have a meeting together." -- "The decisions shall be adopted as national procedure."

It is, therefore, offered that CHRIS is a high level underground functionary operating organizationally above the national underground apparatus.

There is set forth the "Motions of Organization" which were mentioned above in CHRIS' letter:

"Motions on Organization"

"1. Following a discussion on problems posed on Party organization, C. will draft a memorandum on the key organizational questions for discussion among leading national people, districts and key county and industrial divisions.

a) Memorandum to project policy and approach, share findings as result of present examination, and aim to develop common approach to organizational problems.

"2. To reach JIM to guarantee co-ordination

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of work being done on organization report by JIM, indicating that work on examination of organizational problems being done by C - therefore before anything is finalized that he meet with O and C.

"3. That the 1954 registration be completed by all districts.

a) That we demand comparative statistics with past years, composition breakdown, particularly as regards trade union, industrial and concentration industry, Negro and white in each case, over-all Negro membership, members in mass organizations, types of organizations (peace, church, etc) length of time in Party, age levels, etc.

b) That all districts who have not already done so be required to forward to the National center their political evaluation of trends revealed in 1954 registration and conclusions.

"4. That we project the 1955 registration campaign within the frame-work of a co-ordinated plan for all national campaigns (registration, press, financial drives, etc.) with the aim of securing a nationally synchronized campaign, insofar as possible, with adequate preparations in advance.

a) That we seek uniformity as to statistics, composition facts, etc. (trade union, industrial and concentration, Negro and white, mass organizations, age, length of time in Party).

"5. That we generally seek more accurate information on status of policy regarding shifting membership to non-left led organizations and political bodies.

"6. That we ask Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, California and New York to undertake concrete examination

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of status of shop clubs in concentration industries
and submit report to National Com.

"7. That DO's be asked to submit copies
of their reports to State Committees, Party Conferences,
etc., for our study on how they deal with Party
organization and the role of the Party in these reports.

"8. That we adopt as national procedure,
the California approach to re-admission to membership
into the Party and the handling of transfers.

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of NJ, W. Pa., E. Pa., Mich, NY (together with org.
secy of leading county org), org secy of leading person
in undustrial division in Ill.)."

D. DICK, OTTO
JACK KLING

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referenced letters as a leading member of the national
underground apparatus.

NK 2010-S* has identified KLING as being
identical with DICK.

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undated and unsigned letter which apparently was
written by IRVING HERMAN and contained in an envelope
marked "D". In this letter HERMAN poses a number
of questions concerning the installation and detection
of microphones and telephore taps.

NY 1500-S* on 3/7/55 furnished an undated and
unsigned letter in answer to the above questions.
Apparently the CP has no foolproof way to detect a

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microphone or a telephone tap except through the tracing of wires by a skilled technician.

The answer which was received by HERMAN appears to have been written by Unsub, wa: [redacted] who is the supplier of KLING's hide-out in Newark, New Jersey.

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CHRIS writes, "The questions receiving our attention are":

1. Party's fight for legality
2. Registration statistics
3. "The main problems which emerge as those requiring the greatest political attention and determination of policy approaches":

a. The fight for the Party, its policies, vanguard role and organization - establish contact and organizational ties with masses.

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b. Clarification of the CP concentration
policy

c. The problems of the shop clubs today
in face of practical illegality in industry

d. Party organization in relation to CP
trade union work

e. The Party in Negro communities.

f. Community organization.

"As you see, we are attempting to approach the main areas of Party organization from the basic point of view of strengthening the Party's ties with the working class...Our study (is somewhat different) from JIM's letter to you (based on the discussion in the NAC), but I do not think there is a basic contradiction. Our work is to supplement his..."

CHRIS further writes, "We are endeavoring to bring into the picture the collective consideration of the main political leadership in regard to this whole area of questions. The A.S. (these 2 letters are inked out or pencilled over but appear to be either A.S. or possibly E.S.) is to have an extended discussion the results of which I will transmit to you and JIM when we meet."

The motions which were adopted at a recent meeting are sort of "interim" decisions. CHRIS attached a copy of these motions for DICK's information and JIM's. This enclosure, mentioned by CHRIS, was obtained by NK 2010-S* and is being set out at the end of the discussion of CHRIS.

CHRIS goes on to say, "I also attach policy

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and procedure on applications for re-admission for membership and procedure on transfers adopted by California, and which the decisions shall be adopted as national procedure. (Some minor adjustments are probably necessary in these documents; these can be made by JIM and his comm.)" This enclosure has not as yet been identified by NK 2010-S*

CHRIS further writes, "Now on another matter; namely the budgets of the Adm. Comm. and the O.B. Via BILL (probably HAL SIMON), we received some late figures having to do with the budget of the Adm. Com. But it is unclear whether these represent the final budget? Can you clarify us on that? We will probably have to spend some time on budget and finances when we meet together, mainly, for me to get information! In the meantime, dont hesitate to send thru information you feel it is pertinent for us to have.

"I shall be seeing PAUL (identity unknown) with whom I anticipate a full-dress review of all the questions outlined above. The results of that meeting will also be reported to you and JIM when we meet."

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From a review of these notes, it appears that KLING is primarily concerned with the financial and organizational aspects of the CP and handle's any contact with the National Administrative Committee on these matters as well as with the representative of the higher level (CHRIS) who is concerned with these matters.

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* JIM, PHIL
PHILIP BART

Prior to his disappearance in August, 1951, PHILIP BART was the General Manager of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper. BART is a long-time member of the CP and has been District Organizer in both Philadelphia and Detroit, according to [redacted]. This same informant has stated that BART was known as JIM in the underground operation.

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CG 5824-S* has reported that BART was the mid-West representative of the national CP underground in 1953-1954.

NY 694-S* reported on 2/14/55 that PHILIP BART came out of his underground status on that date and has since been active in open CP affairs.

On 3/3/55, NK 2010-S* furnished photographic reproductions of a letter dated 1/25 from CHRIS to DICK (the details of which have been set out under CHRIS). In this letter, CHRIS feels that DICK (JACK KLING) and JIM could enlighten CHRIS in "my efforts to 'master' the organizational material which has come thru thus far."

VINCENT (MAX MORRIS WEISS) turned over to CHRIS a notation on DICK's letter to JOHN (EDWARD EUGENE STRONG) re the Southern Region Budge, as well as JIM's letter dealing both with budget and organization material.

CHRIS discusses JIM's memo on organization which JIM gathered from districts and wants these memos to continue. CHRIS mentions JIM's participation on the

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CHRIS sent a memo on the motions which were adopted at a recent meeting (in the A.S.) for OTTO's

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information and JIM's (see memo under caption of CHRIS). Also CHRIS sent a memo on membership procedure to be adopted nationally on which JIM and his committee may make some minor adjustments. CHRIS is to see PAUL concerning a number of organizational problems and will tell JIM and OTTO of the results.

NY 1500-S* on 3/12/55 furnished photographic reproductions of a number of notes in the possession of IRVING HERMAN at that time. Among these notes was the following:

"Take up with JIM: - 1. - role and relation of Rev. Com. (Review Commission) and Special Secur. Activ. (Special Security Activities) incl. personnel. 2 - Secur. questions in relation to operation of Adm. Com. 3 - Making contact with Minn. and Wis. 4 - Utilization of memo on F (FBI). 5 - Investigation into Scales (JUNIUS SCALES) incident. Proposal re HANK FAR (HENRY FARASH). 6 - Need for reply to letter sent MARTHA - (MARTHA STONE) - (Reminder to GEORGE (GEORGE WATT) - results to ART B. (ARTHUR BARY) visit) 7 - Any material from West Coast? for ST - (Possibly ARTIE BROWN)."

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[redacted] has identified PHILIP BART as using the code name of "JIM" in connection with the underground operation. KLING's inquiry of 2/23/55 as to whether JIM had gone into the open ties in with information furnished by NY 694-S* that PHIL BART came into the open on 2/14/55. JIM's interest in finances ties in with

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information previously furnished to that effect by CG 5824-S. The information set out concerning KLING's message to his wife further shows the connection between KLING and JIM. In view of the above, it is concluded that JIM is in fact PHILIP BART.

CHRIS makes reference to JIM's participation on the "new team" in the Administrative Committee and states that it should help very much since it "represents a continuity between the past and the immediate future." It is offered that the J. identified by NK 1993-S* as a leading member of the National CP Underground Apparatus may in fact be JIM, who now as a leading member in the National Administrative Committee would be "a continuity between the past (National Underground Apparatus member) and the immediate future (NAC)."

JOHN
EDWARD EUGENE STRONG (Negro)

STRONG is a missing Smith Act subject of the Philadelphia Office.

On 3/3/55, NY 1294-S* furnished photographic reproductions of numerous letters which were then in the possession of GEORGE WATT. These letters had previously been in the possession of BETTY GANNETT and/or in some instances PETTIS PERRY.

In a letter dated May 4 (believed to be 1953), addressed to "FRANCES" (unknown), "JOHN" instructs her to contact "PETE" (PETTIS PERRY) and "BETTY" (BETTY GANNETT) about a number of problems. At one point he states:

"You will recall the decision of the committee in connection with AUGUSTA and the house. BETTY and PETE

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have been very concerned with this problem. Will you be kind enough to take it up with BETTY, to inform her of the decision of the committee? What is needed, even without waiting for the money, is to have PETE or another comrade reach PITTMAN (unknown) as to the decision. Our opinion is that this is a national responsibility and not that of New York State."

In a letter dated December 29 (believed to be 1953), "JOHN", in a letter to "PETE" (PETTIS PERRY), states:

"A few other thoughts:

"1 - The purchase of the house. From the purchase price of the house now being considered for purchase, it seems to me that with such a small down payment, the monthly payments, plus utilities, will be prohibitive. I believe that there is a direct correlation between the size of the down payment and the size of the monthly payments, that is, the larger the down payment, the smaller the monthly payments. I am most interested, therefore, in receiving information regarding the monthly payments as now envisioned. Would also like to know to what extent the monthly payments would be reduced if the down payment was increased by \$1,000 or \$1,500. My opinion is that it would be worth trying to raise this additional sum from among the relatives of the two families.

"I have a sister who would no doubt be able to raise \$500; it seems to me that my wife has two sisters who could certainly raise \$500 if they were convinced of the urgency of the matter; I believe also that the in-laws as well as the mother of the young woman in Brooklyn could certainly raise \$500 between them.

"What are your thoughts on this?"

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With regard to the above, it is noted that [redacted] EDWARD EUGENE STRONG, bought a two-family house at 123 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, NY, on 9/25/54; however, she had moved into the property on 3/29/54. [redacted] of Comfug JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, moved in with her on 4/28/54.

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With regard to the relatives which "JOHN" mentions above, the following is noted:

STRONG has one sister - BERNICE SIMMONS of 216 Adam Street, Buffalo, NY. His wife has three sisters - Mrs. EUNICE WILLIAMS, Pittsburgh, Pa. (not known to be connected with CP activities); CONSTANCE JACKSON, 107 Monroe St., NYC (formerly Education Director, Bronx County CP); and [redacted], Brooklyn (formerly employed by the IWO).

The "young woman in Brooklyn" is probably [redacted] "Her in-laws" would therefore be the parents of Comfug JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, JR., Dr. and Mrs. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, SR., of Richmond, Virginia. "Her mother" would be [redacted] of Arlington, Virginia.

In a letter dated April 2 (1954), also to "PETE" among other things "JOHN" states:

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"It would be most helpful, it seems to me, if we could find another comrade who could be assigned to the administrative committee for the purpose of becoming your assistant on matters relating to Negro work. Such a comrade could relieve you of many tasks in this field, and would be able to help follow through in the organization of a number of the special committees. I would urge that we give consideration to [redacted] for such an assignment as this, releasing her from the present assignment that she has, and finding another comrade to replace her there. In the meantime, comrade FORD (JIM FORD)

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could hold that committee together. (National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership). Another advantage of [redacted] coming in is that it would exclude the necessity of considering any additional financial obligations upon us. She would also be able to go into some of the nearby districts and meet with Party leadership directly."

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With regard to the above, it is pointed out that the STRONG and [redacted] families have been close to each other since their earliest association in the Southern Negro Youth Congress prior to World War II.

In a letter dated 4/27/54, which PETTIS PERRY wrote to "JOHN", he stated among other things:

[redacted] has come into the paper and is already in the work and the people are just wild about her there. They are amazed at her capabilities. In discussing with the editors a few nights ago, was informed that they were orientated on a long-time perspective for her eventual integration, but they were now re-orientated along the lines of quick integration as one of the top cadres there. I think this is extremely important and am very happy about developments."

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From the above, it is quite apparent that the JOHN who wrote letters to PETTIS PERRY and to whom PETTIS PERRY wrote letters is undoubtedly EDWARD EUGENE STRONG. It is logical to assume that this JOHN is identical with the JOHN described by NY 1166-S* on 7/22-23/54 as a top Negro functionary and is identical with the JOHN, a leading national underground functionary who was identified by NK 1993-S* on 12/9/54.

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It is apparent that JOHN is concerned with the southern region of the CP and it is logical to assume that he is probably the Director of the southern region.

JUDY, MARGE

ESTHER EISENSCHER

EISENSCHER in referenced letters was identified as JUDY, who is the assistant of MAX MORRIS WEISS (VINCE). The following is set forth in an effort to show the relationship between JUDY and MARGE in that they may be identical:

RE: JUDY

On 2/28/55, NY 1487-S* furnished photographic reproductions of an undated letter to JUDY signed TONY (IRVING HERMAN). TONY states, "received your note plus MARTHA's statement." TONY explains that he is not submitting an explanation of his California investigation (concerning the STEIN-THOMPSON arrest), since it would add nothing to his previous reports. TONY stated he wrote a letter to CLAUDE (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) and MARTHA (MARTHA STONE) on various questions that must be handled from the open. These include, "the results of their talk with ART BARRY when he came in. How did he and the others get picked up, what is meaning of HOOVER's statement at that time, etc. 2. Certain questions relating to PAT B. (PATRICIA J. BLAU). 3. Several matters RUDY L. (RUDY LAMBERT) was to find out about."

He concludes, "How have you been? And your friend? Hope both of you are okay." The note which HERMAN refers to as having been received from JUDY which enclosed MARTHA's statement was a note which was signed MARGE.

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reproductions of a letter from CHRIS to DICK (JACK KONG) dated 1/25. In this letter CHRIS wants DICK to send through to us via JUDY and/or VINCENT (MAX MORRIS WEISS) any additional material on the budget.

RE: MARGE

On 2/28/55, NY 1487-S* furnished a letter signed MARGE, addressed to AL (IRVING HERMAN) which was dated 2/10. Enclosed in this letter to AL was a two-page typewritten memo of explanation by MARTHA STONE concerning circumstances around her arrest on 11/1/54. MARGE wrote, "This statement of MARTHA is not as complete as one she says she gave BETTY 3 weeks after her arrest. We never received it so she wrote up this brief one and will look around to try to find the original.

"Also enclosed are a few car numbers (license plate numbers).

"GEORGE (GFORGE WATT) will follow thru on the JOE S. (JOSEPH STAROBIN) matter. He had not done anything about it up to now. Best regards, MARGE.

"Still expect to hear from you on the conclusions, and so forth re Calif. (arrest of STEIN-THOMPSON) which you remember you agreed to write up and send thru."

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From the above, it is believed that probably MARGE and JUDY are identical. This is shown by the fact that IRVING HERMAN sent a letter to JUDY making reference to a letter he received which had been signed MARGE.

Further, by relet 1/27/55, page 11, the same circumstances are involved wherein an expense slip (apparently JUDY's) was initialed MA. A note on the reverse side read, "Dear Nat, Enclosed also is my expense slip. Maybe when you see DICK over weekend you can send this and V's." The note also bears the initials of "MA."

The FBI Laboratory has compared handwriting of letters signed "MARGE" with known handwriting of ESTHER EISENSCHER. It is found that certain characteristics of the handwriting signed "MARGE" are similar to those of EISENSCHER. However, some characteristics could not be accounted for.

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CELESTE STRACK KAPLAN

By referenced letters KAPLAN has been identified as FRAN, a participant in the National Underground Apparatus.

By an undated letter to NAT (possibly CONNIE BART) from T (IRVING HERMAN) furnished by NY 1487-S* on February 28, 1955, T wrote "I've made arrangements for the cleaning of that woman and her child. Therefore, You will not have to worry about this."

The San Francisco Office has developed information that CELESTE STRACK KAPLAN and her child, who are living in the vicinity of New York City, expect to return to the West Coast and, therefore, it is possible that T is referring to KAPLAN.

NAT AND VI
CONSTANCE BART

By referenced letters BART was identified as possibly JACK KLING's assistant. It is known that she uses the alias of VI. The following information is set out to show the possibility that NAT and VI are identical:

Re: NAT

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On February 26, 1955, NY 1487-S*, a source close to IRVING HERMAN, furnish photographic reproductions of an undated letter to NAT signed T, which letter was enclosed in an envelope marked N.

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In this letter T enclosed a copy of "People's China" and requested that it be returned. T requested NAT to furnish T with a book on the origins of Christianity written by a British Marxist. T told NAT that "I've made arrangements for the cleaning of that woman and her child, therefore, you will not have to worry about this." (apparently CELESTE STRACH KAPLAN).

T request NAT to send through \$250. to help a person who is to get a car. T mentions that D knows of this.

CSSF 2140-S* on February 15, 1955, furnished a typewritten note to "AL or NAT (VI): - (or MARGE) from V" concerning the payment of \$345. on a loan. V still owes \$300. V has been identified as LEON KAPLAN.

RE: VI

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A fisur on February 26, 1955, revealed that CONSTANCE BART and PHIL BART met in Elizabeth, New Jersey. An anonymous source developed during this meeting revealed that in CONSTANCE BART's luggage was a letter from JACK KLING to his wife, SUE.

On March 3, 1955, PHIL BART gave the letter from KLING to SUE KLING to CG 5024-S for delivery to SUE KLING in Chicago.

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The following is set forth to show the relationship between VI and NAT:

CSSF 2140-S* apparently refers to VI and NAT as the same person as is shown in the following:
"AL or NAT (VI)....."

It has been noted during the course of the past few months that CONNIE BART has been seen in frequent contact with JACK KLING. Also noted through contacts of NY 1418-S*, NK 2010-S* and NY 1487-S* that NAT is also in frequent contact with JACK KLING.

By referenced letter of January 27, 1955, NY 1418-S* furnished information that NAT has a new fur coat. Recent fisurs of CONSTANCE BART have shown that during the past two months BART has been wearing a new fur coat which had not been observed at any time during 1954.

In view of the above information, it is offered that NAT and VI are identical, both being aliases of CONSTANCE BART.

If, in fact, the above is true, it is then offered that NAT is N (which has been identified in relet of December 29, 1954.)

AL, T. TONY
IRVING HERMAN \

IRVING HERMAN has been described in referenced letters as probably the Security Director of the National CP Underground Operations.

On March 3, 1955, NK 2010-S* furnished a letter from DICK (JACK KLING) to JIM (PHIL BART) concerning a three day conference between them. DICK suggests that on the last day, TONY and NAT (probably CONSTANCE BART) sit in, at which time the question of "security, the Review, etc" will be discussed.

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On February 28, 1955, NY 1487-S* furnished an envelope marked for "AL" (known alias of IRVING HERMAN) and under this name was written "TONY." Enclosed in the envelope was a memo of explanation from MARTHA STONE concerning her arrest on November 1, 1954. There was also enclosed a rough draft note to AL from MARGE dated February 10, concerning the STONE memo of explanation, a list of New Jersey license plate numbers and information concerning a certain investigation to be conducted by GEORGE WATT in connection with JOE S. (JOSEPH STAROBIN). MARGE also wrote that she expected to hear from AL on his conclusion concerning "Calif." (apparently referring to his investigation conducted concerning STEIN - THOMPSON arrest).

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3. Several matters RUDY L. (RUDY LAMBERT) was to find out about.

On February 28, 1955, NY 1487-S* furnished a five page undated and unsigned letter, apparently written by IRVING HERMAN and contained in an envelope marked D (JACK KLING). In this letter HERMAN posed a number of

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questions concerning the installation and detection of microphone and telephone taps. On March 7, 1955, NY 1500-S* furnished an undated and unsigned letter answering the above questions. From a review of this letter it appears that the Communist Party has no foolproof way to detect technical installations except by tracing of wires by a skilled technician. The answer as furnished by NY 1500-S* appears to have been written by UNSUB. wa: SCENY BERGMAN, who with his wife is the supplier of KLING's hideout in Newark, New Jersey.

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NY 1500-S* on March 12, 1955, furnished photographic reproduction of notes then in the possession of IRVING HERMAN. Among these notes was the following:

"Take up with JIM (PHIL BART):

"1. - Role and relation of Rev. Com. and special secur. actv. incl. personnel.

"2. - Secur. questions in relation to operation of Adm. Com.

"3. - Making contact with Minn. and Wis.

"4. - Utilization of memo on F. (FBI).

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incident - proposal re HANK FAR (HENRY FARASH.)

"6.- Need for reply to letter sent MARTHA
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"7. - Any material from West Coast? For ST
(Possibly ARTIE BROWN)."

In view of the above, it is concluded that T
and TONY are HERMAN IRVING. AL is a known alias of
IRVING HERMAN.

The FBI Lab. has examined the handwriting
of T and TONY and has found certain similarities
to the handwriting of IRVING HERMAN but noted some
unaccountable variations. However, at the time of
contact with NY 1487-S* and NY 1500-S*, it was noted that
the above letters were written on the same type of paper
which apparently came from a pad of paper then in the
possession of IRVING HERMAN in his hotel room. It is
known that no other person had been in HERMAN's room
prior to the appearance of those letters there and
prior to the time of contact with these informants. In
addition, the type of information contained in the above
letters definitely fits in with the known activity of
IRVING HERMAN.

It is further believed that TONY is probably
identical with TON identified by NY 1418-S* and may
possibly be identical with T, who was identified by
NK 1993-S* .

PAUL

The identity of PAUL is unknown. Many CP
functionaries have used the alias of PAUL. Perhaps the
most important functionary who has used the alias of
PAUL is Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. BLUMBERG was apprehended
for violation of the Smith Act on September 30, 1954,
in New York City. According to [REDACTED] BLUMBERG
is the National Legislative Director, CP, USA. BLUMBERG
is presently operating in the open CP.

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NK 2010-S* on March 16, 1955, furnished a letter from CHRIS to OTTO (JACK KLING) concerning CP organizational problems (set out in detail under CHRIS).

Concluding this letter CHRIS states, "I shall be seeing PAUL with whom I anticipate having a full-dress review of all the questions outlined above. The results of that meeting will also be reported to you and JIM (PHIL BART) when we meet."

On March 3, 1955, NK 2010-S* furnished a letter dated January 25 from CHRIS to DICK (JACK KLING). In this letter CHRIS stated that CHRIS received a letter from PAUL, a paragraph of which pertained to DICK in which PAUL stated, "is it not possible to get OTTO (JACK KLING) to prepare a basic piece (on Cadre) policy in P.A. ("Political Affairs")? PAUL states that such a piece could be discussed and approved by "AS". CHRIS continues "in the same letter PAUL urges me (CHRIS) to do a piece on concentration and he asks for such material as possible, mainly concrete data to the shops and communities from the districts."

NK 2010-S* on March 16, 1955, furnished a letter dated February 23, 1955, from CHRIS to OTTO (JACK KLING) (the details of which have been set out under CHRIS.) CHRIS writes, "I shall be seeing PAUL, with whom I anticipate having a full-dress review of all the questions outlined above. The results of that meeting will also be reported to you and JIM (PHIL BART) when we meet."

The identity of PAUL is unknown. It is most likely that PAUL is a leading CP functionary. This is shown by PAUL's contact with CHRIS as well as the type of information which they discuss. It is possible that PAUL is an Underground functionary on a high level since CHRIS is to pass on information of their discussion to DICK and JIM. If PAUL were an open Party person he could readily furnish the information of the discussion to JIM (PHIL BART) without any difficulty. However, it should not be

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overlooked that inasmuch as DICK did not know at that time whether or not PHIL BART was operating in the open, CHRIS also may have been in the same position and therefore, it would explain the reason why he would pass the information on to DICK and JIM at the same time rather than PAUL give the information to JIM.

VINCENT

MAX MORRIS WEISS

WEISS has been previously identified in referenced letters as a Communist fugitive who has been secretly indicted. He is a leading member of the National Underground Apparatus and is known by the aliases of V and VINCE.

On March 3, 1955, NK 2010-S* furnished a letter dated January 25, 1955 to DICK (JACK KLING) from CHRIS. CHRIS wants DICK to "send thru to us, via JUDY (ESTHER EISENSCHER) and/or VINCENT any additional material on the budget." CHRIS said that the budget may require certain changes. VINCENT turned over to CHRIS a copy of DICK's letter to JOHN (EDWARD EUGENE STRONG) re Southern Region Project, as well as JIM's (PHIL BART) letter dealing both with budget and organization material.

From the above it appears that CHRIS has contact with JUDY and/or VINCENT. It is quite possible that these are face to face meetings.

The above is furnished to the Bureau and all offices for information. Offices receiving copies of this letter are requested, upon completion of a review of their files, to advise the Bureau and the New York Office if they have any suggestions as to the identity of the unknown individuals mentioned in this letter.

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NEW YORK, 4/7/55

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PHILIP BART, WAS; IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940. RE NY AIRTEL
3/22/55. NY 1475-S ADVISED ON 4/5/55 THAT THE SUBJECT HAD
RETURNED TO NYC AND RESUMED HIS USUAL CP ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT
STATED BART ADVISED HE HAD MADE A FULL TRIP AND MENTIONED HE HAD
SPENT TIME IN CHICAGO AND DETROIT. NY 693-S* ADVISED ON 4/6/55
THAT BART STATED "HE WAS GOING AWAY FOR THE WEEK END" AND WOULD
NOT RETURN UNTIL SUNDAY NIGHT, 4/10/55. INFORMANT COULD NOT
ELABORATE AS TO BART'S DESTINATION OR REASON FOR BEING AWAY FROM
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3 - BUREAU (100-3284)(REGULAR)
1 - CHICAGO (PHILIP BART)
1 - CLEVELAND (PHILIP BART)
1 - DETROIT (PHILIP BART)
1 - PITTSBURGH (PHILIP BART)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 4/8/55

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS; IS - C, ISA, 1950. DAYLET. ON
4/6/55, NY 1475-S*, WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITY AT CP
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NYC, ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL
WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SECRETARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS

- 3 - BUREAU (61-10149) (RM)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-1155) (CRC) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - LOS ANGELES (100-23717) (CRC) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - NEWARK (100-31371) (CRC) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - NEWARK (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NEW HAVEN (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - PHILADELPHIA (100-31535) (CRC) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - SAN FRANCISCO (100-26851) (CRC) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 Sub A (CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS) (# 7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (# 7-5)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (# 7-1) *12-14*
- 1 - NY 100-94014 (HARVEY MATUSOW) (# 7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-124033 (INITIATORS OF THE PETITION TO UPHOLD
JUSTICE) (# 7-2)
- 1 - NY 65-5604 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (# 7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (# 12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-47632 (FRANCIS DAMON WILLIAMS) (# 12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-52331 (SAM BARBER) (# 12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-70281 (GERALD DALY) (# 12-14)
- 1 - NY [] (P & C) (# 7-4) b7D

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CONGRESS, GAVE FINANCIAL DATA ON THAT DATE TO MARTHA STONE AND PHIL BART AT CP HEADQUARTERS. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH BILL ALBERTSON AND WILL BE REFERRED TO HEREIN AS BILL. BILL ADVISED THE CURRENT TAXABLE, TRACEABLE DEBT OF THE CRC WAS \$15,000, AND THIS FIGURE WOULD PROBABLY BE CLOSER TO \$20,000 WHEN NON-TRACEABLE ITEMS WERE INCLUDED. BILL STATED FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD DECEMBER, 1954 TO APRIL, 1955, THE CRC HAD A TOTAL INCOME OF \$18,560 AND EXPENDITURES OF \$18,447. ACCORDING TO BILL, THE TRUE INCOME WOULD BE CLOSER TO \$15,500 WITH THE DIFFERENCE BEING "EXCHANGES." BILL STATED SPECIAL INCOME OF \$1,800 HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE PERIOD DECEMBER, 1954 TO APRIL, 1955. BILL STATED OF ALL OTHER INCOME RECEIVED, 90% WAS RAISED BY CAMPAIGNS AND 10% BY SALES OF LITERATURE AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS. BILL MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGNS AND RELATED FINANCIAL DATA: SCALES CAMPAIGN, \$1,300 RAISED, \$1,000 SPENT FOR EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING LEGAL AND PRINTING EXPENSES; BEN DAVIS CAMPAIGN, \$700 RAISED AND \$800 SPENT; SACB FIGHT, NOTHING TAKEN IN AND EXPENDITURES OF \$2,700 WHICH WERE ALL LEGAL FEES; SEDITION CAMPGAIN ON NELSON CASE, \$250

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SPENT AND NOTHING TAKEN IN; INFORMER CAMPAIGN, A LITTLE OVER \$500 RAISED AND A LITTLE OVER \$60 SPENT, HOWEVER, A PRINTING BILL OF \$550 WAS PAID ON 4/1/55, LEAVING NO PROFIT ON THIS CAMPAIGN; PATTERSON AND JOINT LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN, RAISED BETWEEN \$5,000 AND \$6,000 AND HAD EXPENDITURES OF \$2,600 AND A DEBT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000. DURING THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD FROM DECEMBER, 1954 TO APRIL, 1955, THE CRC CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY SENT TO THE NATIONAL CRC CHAPTER ONLY \$733. BILL STATED THESE FUNDS RECEIVED WERE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: PHILADELPHIA, \$200; NEW JERSEY, \$100; CHICAGO, \$200; WEST COAST, \$100; SAN FRANCISCO, \$100. ACCORDING TO BILL, OF THIS MONEY RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHAPTERS, \$680 WAS RAISED IN DECEMBER, 1954 ON A SPECIAL APPEAL, IN JANUARY, NOTHING WAS RECEIVED, AND DURING FEBRUARY ONLY \$53 WAS RECEIVED. BILL STATED INCOME FOR THE SALE OF CRC LITERATURE AND THE WHOLE CRC PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT WAS \$480 WITH EXPENDITURES OF \$155. ACCORDING TO BILL, EXPENSES FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD WERE: RENT, \$450; ELECTRICITY, \$61; GENERAL POSTAGE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE CAMPAIGN POSTAGE AS IN THE SCALES AND OTHER CAMPAIGNS, \$564. BILL STATED THE POSTAGE WAS LARGE BECAUSE

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OF ROBESON'S APPEAL MADE DIRECTLY FOR THE CRC. SALARY EXPENSES WERE \$2,608; OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$1,500; AND A \$900 ITEM FOR ACCUMULATED EXPENSES AND VOUCHERS DATED UP TO 11/30/54. BILL STATED SINCE HIS PREVIOUS MEETING WITH STONE AND BART ABOUT THREE WEEKS EARLIER, THE CRC HAD PAID OFF APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND THE BUDGET GIVEN THREE WEEKS AGO WAS FOR THE PRESENT STAFF OF PAT (BELIEVED TO BE WILLIAM PATTERSON), HIMSELF (BILL ALBERTSON), SAM (BELIEVED TO BE SAM BARRON), FRANCIS (BELIEVED TO BE FRANCIS DAMON WILLIAMS, WHO WORKS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS), AND TWO TECHNICAL WORKERS, AND ONE HANDYMAN. ACCORDING TO BILL, SUCH A STAFF WOULD MAKE A \$300 A WEEK PAYROLL. MARTHA STONE INQUIRED IF PAYROLL WAS FOR SIX PEOPLE AND BILL REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, STATING "GERRY IS A HALF SO IT IS $5\frac{1}{2}$ PEOPLE." (GERRY IS BELIEVED TO REFER TO GERALD DALY, HANDYMAN FOR THE CRC.) THIS BUDGET ALSO INCLUDED AN ITEM OF \$100 PER WEEK DEBT FOR PAYMENT. THE TOTAL BUDGET, ACCORDING TO BILL, WAS \$530 A WEEK. BILL SUGGESTED TO STONE AN ALTERNATE STAFF PLAN COULD BE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING PAT, FRANCIS, $1\frac{1}{2}$ TECHNICAL WORKERS AND SAM AND HIMSELF DONATING THEIR TIME.

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THIS ALTERNATE PLAN WOULD RESULT IN A WEEKLY PAYROLL OF \$140, MAKING A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$350. BILL STATED PRESENT SITUATIONS MAKE CURRENT OPERATION OF THE CRC IMPOSSIBLE AND IT WAS PROPOSED \$5,000 BE BORROWED (FROM THE CP). BILL FURTHER REPORTED AT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL THE CRC WILL BE PAYING BACK \$350 A WEEK ON OBLIGATIONS, WHICH IS AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. THE CRC OWES ATTORNEYS WHO WORK IN DEFENSE OF THE CRC \$3,000 AND THEIR POST DATED CHECKS ALONE ARE \$275 A WEEK. BILL ADVISED STONE AND BART THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONFER WITH BILL FOSTER REGARDING THE PAUL CROUCH SUIT AGAINST THE CP AND THAT UP TO THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE CP'S FIRST APPEAL TO THE NY COURT OF APPEALS, WHICH WILL COST THE PARTY \$450, MC CARRAN ACT APPEALS WERE EXPECTED TO COST THE PARTY \$3,000. BILL-STATED IT WAS A CRIME NOBODY, INCLUDING US (CRC) HAD THE FORESIGHT OF THE MATUSOW DEVELOPMENT, FOR A PROFIT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE. HE RELATED HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MAN WANTING TO DONATE \$250 FOR MATUSOW'S DEFENSE; HOWEVER, HE WAS AFRAID IT WAS A PLANT AND HAD REFERRED THE CALL TO MATUSOW'S PUBLISHER. BILL STATED THE CRC WAS OVERLOADED WITH WORK AND DISCUSSED THE

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POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN
PLAY A MASS ROLE AND BE PUBLICALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE
DEFENSE ARM OF THE CP AND RETAIN ATTORNEYS FOR THE PARTY
CASES. PHIL BART ASKED BILL IF HE (BART) WAS NOT CORRECT
IN ASSUMING THAT 60% OF THE PROPOSED CRC BUDGET SHOULD
COME FROM US (CP) AND BILL REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
MARTHA STONE STATED "WE" HAVE SPENT IN A PERIOD OF THREE
MONTHS \$8,000 FOR DEFENSE EXPENSES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED
THAT PORTIONS OF THE FOREGOING RELATING TO CRC'S
CONTINUED PRECARIOUS CONDITION IS CORROBORATED IN
NY AIRTELS TO BUREAU DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS SETTING
OUT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] CONCERNING CRC
FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS. IT IS FURTHER NOTED
[REDACTED] HAS RELATED EFFORTS OF WILLIAM ALBERTSON TO
ORGANIZE CRC FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES, AND IN NY AIRTEL
DATED 3/22/55, ALBERTSON IS REPORTED AS STATING TO DATE
HE HAD FOUND \$12,000 CRC INDEBTEDNESS WITH \$800 WEEKLY
TO COVER A \$500 WEEKLY BUDGET PLUS \$300 TOWARDS THE
PAYMENT OF PENDING DEBTS. THE ABOVE IS FORWARDED FOR
INFORMATION. IT IS NOTED NY 1475-S* IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE
INFORMANT AND INFORMATION FROM THIS SOURCE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY
PARAPHRASED WHEN DISSEMINATED IN REPORT FORM.

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Boston
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC ATTN: SUPV. [] DATE: March 21, 1955
FROM : SA [] b6
SUBJECT: PHIL BART b7C
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The following is a report of [] activities from [] 1955:

Extreme care should be utilized in paraphrasing any material taken from this memorandum in order to safe-guard the identity of the informant.

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For documentation purposes the following information was furnished to the writer by [] orally on [] 1955:

Meeting of [] of Communist Party

On [] at 7:00 P.M. []

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[]
100-6716 COMINFIL OF U.E.

[]
100-18032 CP, NEW BEDFORD DIST.
100-24498 FLORENCE TAMSKY
100-15355 EDITH ABBER
100-2019 []
100-24836 MARTHA STONE
MAX GORDON
100-26725 BERTHA BOZELL
100-30 HUGO DeGREGORY
100-16750 MANUEL BLUM
100-18035 CP, WORCESTER DIST.
100-23036 DAILY WORKER SUBS.
100-17999 CP SECURITY MEASURES
100-23366 CP UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES

100-20779 CP ORGANIZATION
100-24107 CP LINE
100-24042 MARCH OF LABOR
100-18060 CP PROV. DIST.
100-17513 CP BRIEF
100-26893 CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
100-23165 DOMESTIC ADMIN. ISSUES
197-78 FREEDOM OF THE PRESS,
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100-7908 CP Dist., #1
100-23071 ANN WHITE
100-24914 PHIL BART
100-24904 HERMAN TAMSKY
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[redacted], who
[redacted] of the Communist Party
of [redacted] had a meeting. The meeting started in the

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[redacted] for his subscription
to the "Daily Worker".

Meetings at [redacted]

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When the informant arrived [redacted] received a
call from [redacted] and the
message was as follows:

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On [redacted] called the informant at his
home at [redacted].

At [redacted] called the
informant at the [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] on Friday evening, [redacted]

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Meeting of "Daily Worker" leaders at New York City,
February 19, 1955

[redacted] arrived at New York City at 11:35 A.M. and went to Yugoslav Hall which he said was near the Port Authority's Terminal. The informant was not sure whether the hall was on the Eastside or the Westside of New York but he was sure that it was near the Port Authority Bus Terminal. They walked from Grand Central to the place of the meeting, arriving there about 12:00 noon. He said that the meeting was on the top floor of the building.

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One of the first persons that the informant met at the meeting was MAX GORDON, connected with the "Daily Worker" who had been in New Bedford in the past few weeks. Informant said that he recognized GORDON and GORDON recognized him.

The informant counted seventy-six persons present at this meeting and during the meeting it was announced that they represented twelve states. Present at the meeting were the following persons whom the informant either knew or was introduced to. The chairman was PHIL BART, a former Communist Party organizer in the middle west. The main speaker was MARTHA STONE. Also present were MAX GORDON, a Dr. BLUMBERG, [redacted]

[redacted] FLORENCE TAMSKY, from Boston, who came with her husband, HERMAN TAMSKY, (however, HERMAN did not stay for the conference). ELITH ABBER and NAT [redacted] ABBER and [redacted] came together in NAT [redacted] beach-wagon.

Informant was also introduced to a man named [redacted]

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The conference was opened by PHIL BART who stated, "The purpose of this National Conference called by our Party" was designed for the purpose of tackling the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" on a new angle, which the main speaker would mention in more detail. BART stated the second purpose of the conference was to discuss the political aspects and which, "us comrades can bring back to our apparatus so that we can further the development of the political viewpoints of the leaders of the paper". BART then made the announcement that although the meeting was originally scheduled to conclude at 5 P.M., that where there were a dozen states represented, it was not possible to wind the conference up in a few hours and that it might continue on into the evening.

MARTHA STONE was the main speaker. She spoke first on, "Necessity of Bringing our Press (specifically the "Worker" and "Daily Worker") to our Comrades to be a decisive factor in our day to day problems." -- that the National Leadership feel they have been responsible for the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" falling back -- however, she felt that the National Leadership realized that the enemy had played a key role in creating fear in bringing pressure which resulted in a reduction in the number of readers and subscribers. STONE continued, "However, the forces of peace both on a national and international level, have been strengthened in the past few years".

In view of this change the National Leadership have decided that the following must be done today: 1 - all leadership in the Communist Party are to participate actively and directly in the build-up of the paper; they are to see

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not only that Press Directors are re-established in the various areas, but constant checks and rechecks of their activities and responsibilities must be made."

2- "The entire leadership of the Party is to go out and get subscribers and if necessary for the leaders to make arrangements to get the papers themselves for members who cannot get the papers directly. No one in the Party is too big to participate in this new look."

3- "The Party feels that the hard-core of the test builders--that if it were not for them--the level of the "Daily Worker" would not be where it is today--that the party leaders feel that no recognition has been given them in the past and they are to be accepted immediately as a new form of cadre in the party. In the past some of our leaders have gone ahead in the party through their political work and trade union work, but not through their press work. However, from now on the press builders are to be given the same recognition as the others."

4- "The ideological front in which the paper plays a key role, wished the group present to discuss and accept the idea of publishing a supplement to the "Daily Worker" on a monthly basis and in these supplements, which would be contributed from various areas, would be up to date articles regarding the specific area covered in the supplement. In these supplements there would always be the latest news from that particular area concerning the CIO-AFL merger."

MARTHA STONE announced that as of March 1, 1955 the leadership decided that 75% of the quota of the "Daily Worker" must be obtained. The reason for this was that five of the original Smith Act Victims would be freed and in tribute to their freedom and their suffering, etc., that it would be a good idea to have seventy-five per cent of the quotas obtained by that time.

Finally STONE reported that rather than have an annual national conference on the press, just about the time the renewals of the paper are due, they are now going to have frequent national conferences in order to have rechecks as to the progress of the paper.

All during her talks she (MARTHA STONE) made reference to "the party", "comrades" and "we Communist" and mentioned in

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the beginning that the audience was composed of "the leadership of our party, comprising section, county, state and district board level". The informant then gave to the writer a description of several persons whom he heard speak at the conference in New York and this information, together with the information pertaining to the meeting in New York will be furnished the NYO by letter by the writer.

At one point during the New York meeting the informant [redacted] advised that he heard EDITH ABBER say she heard that MANNY BLUM is now out in the open and that she was wondering if BLUM was going to "land up in Boston".

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Meeting with [redacted]
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[redacted] left the New York Conference at 5:35 P.M. and took a 6:00 P.M. train from New York, arriving in [redacted]
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[redacted] was instructed by [redacted]
Massachusetts with [redacted] and meet [redacted]
[redacted] for a meeting of
[redacted] Committee of the Communist Party at
that time.

[redacted] also instructed the informant to be in [redacted]

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MAX MORRIS WEISS, was
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[redacted], who maintains close day to day contact with [redacted] Bronx, NY, advised on 2/18/55 that [redacted] contacted [redacted] and stated that she [redacted] was happy to establish contact with [redacted] again after eight weeks. According to the informant, [redacted] engaged in social conversation during which time [redacted] advised that she had gotten a raise and expects a new contract raise after February 15. [redacted] mentioned that she recently had lunch with PHIL BART and that he looked wonderful but was a little greyer. [redacted] that she learned through PHIL that when MARY (unidentified) went down to see CLAUDIA JONES she learned that they ~~have~~ been getting the paper down there and she didn't even know about Matusow.

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The same informant reported that on 2/25/55, [redacted] again contacted [redacted] and advised [redacted] that she is pregnant. [redacted] not to tell the ZIPSERS as she wished to tell them herself.

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- 1- NY 100-68737 [redacted] (12-14)
- ① NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(7-1)
- 1- NY 100-18676 (CLAUDIA JONES)(12-10)
- 1- NY 100-117217 (PEARL ZIPSER)(12-16)
- 1- NY 100-81450 (ARTHUR ZIPSER)(12-16)

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TO : SAC NY

FROM : Robert C. Burns, SA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 4-11-55

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At 5:45 PM 4-11-55 NY 694-S*
Tel. advised that he observed
PHIL Bart at 5:25 PM, 4-11-55, walking
west on Fordham Road at Jerome Ave.
Bronx, NY. Bart was wearing a brownish
suit, grey hat, carrying brown over-night
bag.

Asst Supv. Ray Mullins was immediately
advised of the above and cautioned as to
maintaining security of NY 694-S*.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-56579) 7-1 DATE: 3/29/55

FROM : [REDACTED] SA b6 b7C

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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By letter dated 1/11/55 entitled "MARCH OF LABOR", INTERNAL SECURITY - C, (100-95158-284) the Bureau referred to a report issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated December 22, 1954, entitled "Report on the March of Labor". A copy of this report has been designated for the Library of the New York Office for reference purposes.

Rebulet instructed that information contained in this report pertaining to individuals residing in the New York area is to be included in report form under the appropriate individual case caption.

Information concerning the subject appears on page (s): 3 of the HCUA report.

The Bureau instructed by SAC letter 55-4, 1/18/55, that the following thumbnail sketch be used in connection with the MARCH OF LABOR. This will supplant all previous thumbnail sketches used.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated December 22, 1954, captioned "Report on the March of Labor" states on page 1 "A publication which today is carrying out the dictates of Lenin by bringing disguised Communist propaganda into the ranks of American workers is the March of Labor."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17769)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - Funds
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-31-55

The following information when used in a report must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on March 26, 1955, that he had obtained the following information from conversations between the informant and PHIL BART at the former's residence in Chicago between the evening of March 23, 1955, until the afternoon of March 25, 1955. Informant advised that MOLLIE WEST was present during most of these conferences. CG 5824-S has advised that PHIL BART holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP although there is no exact title for his position. Informant has also advised that BART is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP and is in charge of Party finances. CG 5824-S has also advised that MOLLIE WEST is the Organizational Secretary of District #8 of the CP.

Party Drives for Funds

BART stated that the CP is getting ready for two fund drives, one for the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" and the other for the CP. These drives are running simultaneously between April 15, 1955, and July 1, 1955, however the "Daily Worker" and "Worker" drive will be

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100- (MAX GORDON)
1 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
100- ("Daily Peoples World")
3 - Chicago
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announced before the Party fund drive.

BART stated that there is a real financial crisis with regard to the "Daily Worker". In this connection CG 5824-S stated that BART had received a telephone call from MAX GORDON in New York City while BART was in Chicago. GORDON told BART that the financial situation was so critical that he did not know whether or not he could continue to get the "Daily Worker" out and wanted BART to give him a hint as to where he could locate an underground connection whom he could contact for funds to tide him over. Informant advised that BART got so mad at GORDON for asking for such information by telephone that BART hung up on GORDON.

BART stated that the Party wants to raise \$175,000.00 part of which would go to the Party press and they figure that they will have to set a goal of \$200,000.00 in order to raise \$175,000.00. The figure of \$12,000.00 was given by BART as the quota for both drives for Illinois, \$6,500.00 to be for the press drive and the balance for the Party drive, however MOLLIE WEST was able to get BART to reduce this figure for Illinois to \$10,000.00.

Circulation Necessary for "Daily Worker"
to Publish Without a Financial Loss

BART again stated as he had on a previous occasion in New York City that the average daily circulation of the "Daily Worker" is 8,000 while that of the "Worker" is 20,000. He also stated that the average daily circulation of the "Daily Peoples World" is 5,000. BART stated that the financial crisis could be solved if the "Daily Worker" could increase its circulation by from 3,000 to 4,000 and if the "Worker" could increase its circulation by some 4,000 to 5,000.

The Need to Maintain the "Daily Worker"

BART stated that for the following reasons the CP must maintain the "Daily Worker":

1. For the CP to shut down the "Daily Worker" would be to

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completely demoralize the Party. On the other hand the Party would welcome any Government action which would close down the paper since the Party would then be relieved of a financial burden and could blame the Government for the loss of the daily paper.

2. For political reasons and for Party morale the Party should continue to publish the "Daily Worker".

BART stated that if one district, California, can keep a daily paper going, certainly all the rest of the Party should be able to keep a daily paper in circulation.

Crisis in Party Literature

BART stated that problems of finances and circulation of Party literature are connected with the need of reorganization in the Party and that it is expected that they would be solved with a new Party organization. (The need of a new Party organization has been made the subject of a separate memorandum). Explaining this, BART stated that most of the literature apparatus has been liquidated and that there has been no uniformity in the circulation of literature. As a result of this there has been a steady decline in circulation. BART stated that there was a too rapid move away from legality and that much literature has been sent through the mails. He stated that mailing costs added to literature costs and the high cost of distribution has caused this financial crisis. In this regard he stated that with the exception of the 700,000 copies of the Party program "The American Way to Jobs, Peace and Democracy", only 175,000 pieces of literature were distributed by the Party in 1954.

Plan for Distribution of the "Worker" and Other Party Literature

BART stated that the present Party plan to increase the circulation of Party literature is to utilize Party members instead of sending literature through the mail. Using an example, BART stated that if there are five members in a unit, 25 copies of the "Worker" or other piece of Party literature would be sold to the club which would mean five items for each

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member. The Party would prefer that the members give away the extra four copies or leave them on streetcars, buses or at their place of employment. BART stated that in addition to the expense, they are exposed when literature is mailed to them so that by means of this new plan these objections would be eliminated and also Party members would be able to make more personal contacts by actually delivering literature to non-Party people.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-31643)

DATE: 4/11/55

FROM: SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: CP, USA PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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Phila*

On 2/21/55, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished information to SA JEREMIAH T. DOYLE and SA HARRY C. BELK regarding a press conference held in New York City on 2/19/55. This information was reduced to a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ page handwritten report by SA HARRY C. BELK and signed by the informant. This report is being retained as an attachment to Serial [redacted] and is set forth hereafter:

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cc: 1-Chicago (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)

1-Detroit (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)

2-New York (PHILIP BART) (REGISTERED MAIL)
(MARTHA STONE) (REGISTERED MAIL)

100-22157 (PHILIP BART)

100-34806 (MIRIAM CRAWFORD)

100-35375 [redacted]

100-33246 (HELEN KLONSKY)

100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)

100-15389 [redacted]

100-34271 [redacted]

100-23953 (JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN)

100-20621 (BENJAMIN SHOHEN)

100-24192 (ESTELLE SHOHEN)

100-20567 (MARTHA STONE)

100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)

100-31535 (CRC)

100-33236 ("THE WORKER")

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"On 2/19/55, there was a press conference in New York City, N.Y. at the Yugoslav Hall. This conference lasted from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one hour for lunch between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Two cars were used to take Philadelphia delegates and observers to this conference. [redacted] drove his car and was a delegate. The following people rode with [redacted] and attended the conference: [redacted]

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[redacted] rode up with an unknown man described as follows: white, approximately 40 years old, 135 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, scar on left side of forehead, short, Jewish fellow. Everyone was a delegate except [redacted] who came along as observers. Robert Klonsky joined the delegation at the conference. Jack Zucker was in New York at Yugoslav Hall but did not attend the conference. He was in New York for purpose of attending a CRC Executive Board Meeting.

"Phil Bart acted as chairman of the conference and Martha Stone gave the main speech.

"Martha Stone spoke on the Worker and Daily Worker. She stated the various areas have fallen down in getting subs to the Worker and Daily Worker. She stated that one reason for the failure of the various districts in not meeting their quotas was lack of leaders. Stone said that CP members in right wing organizations haven't even tried to circulate the Worker. She said that instead of CP members influencing right wing organizations that these organizations are influencing CP members.

"The floor was then thrown open to the delegates from various areas such as New York City, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, Baltimore, Delaware, New Jersey, Boston, and Philadelphia. These delegates did not identify themselves by name. However, they stated the name of the area they represented.

"Jessie Schneiderman, press director for Eastern Pennsylvania, spoke for Philadelphia. She stated that Eastern Pennsylvania had not met its quota for the Worker and Daily Worker because the people in the areas outside Philadelphia had not met their

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"quotas. However, Philadelphia itself as a result of close supervision had obtained excellent results in the drive.

"It is to be noted that Philadelphia has met approximately 82% of its sub quota.

"Robert Klonsky also spoke briefly regarding the sub drive. He patted himself on the back for the excellent results obtained in sub drive in Phila. He said it was a result of close supervision by leaders in Philadelphia.

"The Chicago representative stated the Claude Lightfoot Smith Act trial was the reason why Chicago had not completed its quota for the press.

"The representatives from other areas made excuses for having failed to fulfill their quota for the press.

"Representatives from various districts such as Chicago and Detroit were to be held over for a special conference to see what could be done to implement their sub drive.

"The sub drive is scheduled to end the latter part of March 1955 and they are very interested in completing it before the CP Fund Drive starts. The CP Fund Drive is scheduled to start shortly after completion of sub drive.

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[redacted] and the person who drove
[redacted] to N.Y. stayed in New York. [redacted]
[redacted] to N.Y. in for the
return trip. There were approximately 75 delegates present at
this affair."

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JOHN J. KEARNEY, SA

JACK KLING
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On 3/3/55 NK 2010-S* furnished photographic reproductions of information then in the possession of JACK KLING. KLING has been identified by NK 1993-S* on 12/9/54 as a leading functionary in the CP Underground Apparatus.

Attached for instant case file is a two-page letter from DICK (KLING) to JIM (PHIL BART) dated 2/23/55.

The Bureau has been advised of all pertinent information contained in this letter. No dissemination is necessary in this letter as dissemination has been given by separate memorandum.

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To : SAC, Newark
 From : SAC, New York (100-66211)
 Subject : MARTHA STONE
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Date: 4/13/55

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According to NY-1475-S*, on 2/22/55, ABE MAGIL discussed CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's illness with MARTHA STONE at CP National headquarters. He asked MARTHA if she had HARRY HAYWOOD's article on Negroes and she replied in the affirmative. MAGIL said he was going away at the end of the next week and would be back on 3/16/55. He stated he planned to go to Chicago, Milwaukee and other points west. MAGIL and one PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) discussed the fact that ABE is the Associate Editor of "Masses and Mainstream", but that was not for publication.

The informant also advised that it was stated that the Secretariat would meet the next week and a date of 3/3/55 was set. The meeting was to be in both the afternoon and the evening, and MAGIL stated that he needed organizational experience.

MAGIL, MARTHA and PHIL discussed the new National Commission, and it was stated that the Commission would be integrated into the Party. ABE said he was assigned to drive the program, many months ago, and had no help on it. He said the Party's biggest problem is trade union work, and how to develop this work. He said that he needed to work more closely with GEORGE WATT. ABE asserted that WATT said that the Trade Union Commission would place the peace question on their agenda in the near future. Continuing, MAGIL talked about a postponed discussion on Latin America. He wanted this taken up with the Secretariat on 3/3/55, but realized that it would have to be postponed until he returned on 3/16/55.

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- 1- Chicago (100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
- 1- New Haven (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1- NY 100-9352 (ABE MAGIL) (#12-14)
- 1- NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)
- 1- NY 100-81491 (HARRY HAYWOOD) (#12-15)
- 1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1- NY 100-89571 ("MASSES AND MAINSTREAM") (#7-2)
- 1- NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#7-5)
- 1- NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (#12-14)
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According to MARTHA STONE, MAGIL was to leave on his trip on 3/4/55.

MARTHA STONE is an indicted New Haven Smith Act subject.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is a convicted Chicago Smith Act subject.

GEORGE WATT is a indicted Cleveland Smith Act subject, who, according to CS [redacted] on 8/5/54, is the National Trade Union Director of the CP, USA.

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ABE MAGIL is the Chairman of the Commission on Latin American Affairs of the CP, USA, according to NY-694-S.

"Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ of the CP, USA, according to JOHN LAUTNER, the former Chairman of the Review Commission of the New York State CP.

HARRY HAYWOOD is Editor of the CP, USA newspaper "Negro Affairs Quarterly, according to CG-5824-S.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

NEW YORK, NY 4/13/55

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S ADVISES THAT IN DISCUSSION ON FOUR ELEVEN LAST WITH PHIL
BART CP FUNCTIONARY WHO UNTIL RECENTLY HAS BEEN IN CP
UNDERGROUND, INFORMANT ASKED BART WHETHER THE CP, QUOTE IN AN
EMERGENCY QUOTE WOULD GO QUOTE DEEPER QUOTE INTO THE UNDERGROUND.
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REMARKED THAT HE ^{COULD} ~~DID~~ NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE PARTY IN THE PAST
WENT INTO THE UNDERGROUND SO RAPIDLY WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY
EXPLAINING THE NECESSITY OF SO DOING TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE.
BART STATED PARTY HAD MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN THIS REGARD
AND THAT QUOTE THAT VERY THING IS BEING DISCUSSED NOW BY
PARTY LEADERSHIP QUOTE. THE PARTY ACCORDING TO BART HAD BEEN

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cc: 1-NY 134-91 (P4C) (6)

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UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD ACT WITH GREATER SPEED BUT EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED THAT LEGAL PROCEDURES, "LABOR UNION PRESSURE," AND "OTHER OUTSIDE INFLUENCES" TEND TO DELAY THE GOVERNMENT IN EFFECTING THE FINAL INCARCERATION OF CP DEFENDERS^{ANTS}. THERE IS NO NEED, THEREFORE, BART SAID FOR THE PARTY TO BECOME QUOTE STAMPEDED QUOTE AS IT WAS IN THE PAST. REFERRING TO THE CP FUGITIVES, THE INFORMANT ASKED BART QUOTE SINCE THEY ARE SO VALUABLE IN TOP LEADERSHIP, DO YOU THINK IT ADVISABLE AND FE^ARSIBLE FOR THE QUOTE OTHER ~~OTHER~~ FELLOWS QUOTE PAREN THE FUGITIVES PAREN "TO COME OUT NOW QUOTE. BART IN VERY EMPHATIC TONES REPLIED QUOTE BY NO MEANS WILL IT BE WISE OR FE^ARSIBLE BECAUSE AT NO TIME WILL THE PARTY PERMIT THE ENTIRE TOP LEADERSHIP TO BE EXPOSED AND LIABLE TO ARREST. THESE FELLOWS WITH WIVES AND CHILDREN WILL NOT SEE THEM FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT'S A TOUGH THING TO SAY DASH BUT ITS TRUE." ACCORDING TO NY# SIX NINE FOUR DASH S BART FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INFORMANT WAS REFERRING TO CP FUGITIVES IN THE CONVERSATION MENTIONED ABOVE.

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TO JACK KLING INDICATING THAT PHIL IS TO MEET ON
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OF CONNIE BART BY NY AGENTS THIS DATE REFLECTS SHE LEFT HER
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THIRTY FOURTH STREET, NYC AND THEN TO JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY
WHERE SHE REGISTERED FOR THREE DAYS AS MR. AND MRS. LOU ROSEN,
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NY, NY
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BUREAU

CONSTANCE S. BART, WAS; SM-C. AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE, CLOSE TO CONSTANCE S. BART, APARTMENT 14, 145-35 45TH STREET, QUEENS, NY, DEVELOPER ON THIS DATE. SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT HAS APPROXIMATELY \$2000.00 IN CASH IN DENOMINATIONS UP TO \$50. FURTHER, THAT SHE HAS A CP FINANCIAL STATEMENT INDICATING CP EXPENDITURES. IN ADDITION, SOURCE STATED SUBJECT POSSESSED ENVELOPES ADVERTISED TO "WAT" WHICH ARE TYPE USED BY CPUS COURIERS. INFORMATION FROM NY 100-40000 HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED "WAT" AS CONSTANCE BART. ENVELOPES CONTAIN NO SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL. SOURCE ALSO NOTED A 1953 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN IN NAME CONSTANCE S. BART, 120 AVENUE N, NY ORLEN, NY. SHE LISTED HER EMPLOYMENT ON THIS FORM AS NY STATE CP. PHOTOS BEING PROCESSED. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RESULTING FROM ELABORATION AND EVALUATION OF INSTANT PHOTOS.

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- 1 - NEWARK (100-100000 BART) (INFO) (REGULAR)
- 1 - NY 100-40000 (QUEEN, QUEEN) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-40000 (JACK ELING) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-40000 (PHIL BART) (7-2)

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TITLE PHILIP BART, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE
SUMMARY REPORTI. TESTIMONY CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT FURNISHED DURING
THE SMITH ACT TRIAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA., 1954

JOSEPH KUZMA, ROBERT KLONSKY, JOSEPH ROBERTS, BENJAMIN WEISS, DAVID DAVIS, THOMAS NABRIED, IRVIN KATZ, WALTER LOWENFELS, and SHERMAN LABOVITZ, defendants in the case of United States versus KUZMA, et al, were convicted on charges of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940 in the U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., on August 13, 1954.

During the course of this trial, testimony regarding PHILIP BART's Communist Party connections, statements, and activity indicating furtherance of overall Marxist - Leninist program of the Communist Party was furnished by the following witnesses. A transcript of the trial record is maintained in the Office of the Clerk, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U. S. Courthouse, Ninth and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hereinafter in this report, the Communist Party will be abbreviated as CP, and the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware will be set forth as CP, EPD.

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TESTIMONY OF HERMAN ERWIN THOMAS
518 NORTH 23RD STREET, ALLENTOWN, PA.

This witness testified on May 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17-20, 24, and 25, 1954. His testimony is set forth on pages 1495 through 2551 of the transcript.

He testified that in February of 1946 he attended a CP meeting held at the Hungarian Workers Hall, 1112 East Third Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Present at this meeting were ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, PHILIP BART, whom THOMAS described as the new District Organizer for the CP, EPD, who had taken over after SAM DONCHIN was removed as District Organizer, and JOSEPH KUZMA. THOMAS testified that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN made the major speech at this meeting and that she stated that she had just returned from a trip to Europe and that all over Europe people were busy setting up democratic governments, and they were looking to the CP in America to defeat the last stronghold of Capitalism, the United States.

On June 2, 1946, THOMAS attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section, CP, EPD, which was held at 1172 East Third Street, Bethlehem, Pa. PHILIP BART, JOSEPH KUZMA, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, attended this meeting. WILLIAMSON and BART spoke at this meeting on the need for continued recruiting and building of the CP and the CP press.

THOMAS testified that in approximately the third week of June, 1946, he attended a three-day district convention of the CP, EPD, which was held in Philadelphia, Pa. BART was present at this convention. On the first day of the convention, the subject, who was the Chairman of the CP, EPD, spoke on the factionalism existing in the district.

BART stated that the CP must follow the principles of democratic centralism. He stated that there must be iron discipline in carrying out decisions of higher bodies and that once these decisions are reached in the higher bodies, they were binding upon the entire membership.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, spoke on the second day and stated that the convention had been called to eliminate factionalism in the district and to elect a correct leadership to continue the CP's vanguard role.

This witness stated that on the third day of the convention BART, KUZMA, DAVIS, LOWENFELS, WEISS, and NABRIED were among those elected to membership on the District Committee, CP, EPD. On the third day of the convention, BART gave a summary of the convention and stated that the CP was a Party dedicated to the destruction of Capitalism. BART stated the goal of the CP was world socialism and that CP members must follow their leaders without question. This subject cited as an example of this the Soviet Union under the leadership of JOSEPH STALIN.

In the latter part of January, 1947, THOMAS testified that he attended a meeting of the District Board, CP, EPD, which was held at 1306 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He identified those present at this meeting as BART, WEISS, KUZMA, NABRIED, and others. He testified that BART spoke on the subject of steel concentration and that WEISS gave a budget report for the year 1947.

On March 2, 1947, THOMAS attended a Party Building Conference, held by the CP, EPD, at Mercantile Hall, on North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. His testimony reveals that BART, KUZMA, DAVIS, WEISS, and NABRIED were among those in attendance at this meeting. He testified that BART was the main speaker, and he spoke on Party building and the recruiting of industrial workers in certain concentrated areas. BART said that a strong CP is the same as the general staff of a strong army. He stated that we belong to a Party that will bring about Socialism.

THOMAS attended the last day of a three-day district convention of the CP, EPD, held in July, 1948, at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He testified that BART, DAVIS, LOWENFELS, KUZMA, NABRIED, LABOVITZ, KATZ, KLONSKY, and WEISS were among those present. At the morning session, reports of various committees and individuals were reported. At the afternoon session, an election was held for membership to the District Committee, CP, EPD. BART, DAVIS, KUZMA, NABRIED, WEISS, and KLONSKY were among those elected to the District Committee. He testified that BART and DAVIS were among those elected as delegates to the National Convention, CP, USA, and that KUZMA and KLONSKY were among those elected as alternates to the National Convention, CP, USA.

In approximately the third week of January, 1949, THOMAS attended an enlarged District Committee meeting, CP, EPD, held at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. He identified BART, KLONSKY, KUZMA, WEISS,

N. BRIED, LOWENFELS, L. BOVITZ, and KATZ as among those present at this meeting. He testified that BART was the main speaker and that this subject stated that the CP must master the science of Marxism - Leninism. He testified that Mother BLOOR, a member of the District Committee, spoke, stating that in Russia there was a strong CP before and after the revolution, and that the CP in America must maintain the Party in a strong condition before and after the revolution. BART summarized the conference, stating that there must be a burning hatred by the members of the CP against Capitalism. He said that out of this hatred comes CP understanding and a love for Marxist - Leninist principles.

THOMAS testified that on December 18, 1949, he attended a CP meeting held at 1306 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa. According to THOMAS, BART, KATZ, KLONSKY, WEISS, KUZMA, LOWENFELS, BETTY GAMNETT, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, and EDWARD STRONG, Legislative Director of the CP, EPD, were among those present at this meeting. ROBERT KLONSKY spoke at this meeting, stating that the United States was seeking world domination and preparing for a third world war. KLONSKY said that the working class in America needs the CP and the CP must be the vanguard of the working class.

LOWENFELS spoke and stated that these are happy times; that even in Russia during the revolution LENIN said, that these are happy times because we are living in the epoch of a Proletarian revolution.

BETTY GAMNETT read a letter from the National Office, CP, USA, asking for the release of BART as the District Organizer, CP, EPD, for work in the National Office. THOMAS testified that GAMNETT recommended STRONG as the new District Organizer, CP, EPD.

BART gave a summary of the meeting, during which he stated that every activity of the CP leads to the elevation of the working class to a higher level and the final elimination of Capitalism.

In approximately the third week of May, 1950, THOMAS stated that he attended a meeting of the CP, EPD, which was held at Heller's Colonial Tea Room in the 3700 block of Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. THOMAS identified BART, KLONSKY, KUZMA, WEISS, LOWENFELS, N. BRIED, and STRONG as being present at this meeting. BART, who was then the Business Manager of "The Worker" was one of the speakers and stated that the subscription drive then in progress resulted in a total subscription of about 17,000 papers and that there must be a concerted effort to bring about a successful conclusion to the subscription drive.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN LAUTNER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOHN LAUTNER testified on May 25 through 27, June 1 through 3, 7, and 8, 1954. His testimony is set forth on pages 2552 through 3398 of the transcript.

LAUTNER testified that in approximately October 1949, he conversed with BART on the street outside the CP Headquarters Building in New York City, N. Y. He identified BART as being the District Organizer of the CP, EPD, at the time of their conversation. LAUTNER testified that the conversation with BART concerned security problems in Philadelphia.

TESTIMONY OF LAWRENCE MAYNARD
2553 LEMON ROAD, HONOLULU, T. H.

MAYNARD testified on June 14, 1954. His testimony is recorded on pages 3612 through 3716. of the transcript.

MAYNARD, in approximately September of 1949, attended a CP meeting held at the headquarters of the CP, EPD, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He stated that BART, District Chairman, CP, EPD; STRONG, Legislative Director, CP, EPD; KLCNSKY, Organizational Secretary, CP, EPD; WEISS, Treasurer, CP, EPD; KATZ, Organizer of the South Philadelphia Section, CP, EPD; M. BRIED, Chairman of the Negro Commission, CP, EPD; and AL LANNON, National Maritime Coordinator of the CP, USA, working out of New York, were in attendance at this meeting. MAYNARD testified that BART opened the meeting by stating that it had been called at the request of LANNON for the purpose of discussing the formation of a waterfront section of the CP in Philadelphia.

LANNON, in his speech, said that the National Office, CP, USA, felt that Philadelphia was big enough and important enough a port to have a CP waterfront section. LANNON stated that concentration on the waterfront was a very important part of the CP program. He said it would be necessary to develop a strong CP leadership on the Philadelphia waterfront.

During December, 1950, MLYNARD attended the District Convention, CP, EPD, held at April Farms near Quakertown, Pa. He testified that at this convention various persons were nominated for membership on the District Committee, CP, EPD, and as delegates to the National Convention, CP, USA, and that elections were held for these positions. The results of the elections were not announced. He testified that BART was among those nominated as a delegate to the National Convention, CP, USA. However, BART was not present at this convention. MLYNARD's testimony reveals that he was advised by WEISS after the convention that the results of the elections were not announced at the convention for security reasons.

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS E. CAROLAN
587 FORT WASHINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

CAROLAN testified on June 15, 1954. His testimony is set forth on pages 3718 through 3757 of the transcript.

In the latter part of June 1946, CAROLAN attended all sessions of a three-day convention of the CP, EPD, held at the Met, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. He testified that the convention was opened by BART, who was then Chairman of the CP, EPD. BART condemned the factionalism that had arisen in the district and stated that the CP membership must train themselves in the basic principles of Marxism - Leninism in order that they could avoid factionalism. BART stated that BRODER's Revisionism had negated the historic principles of MARX, ENGELS, LENIN, and STALIN and has revised Marxism into a theory of class collaboration.

BART spoke about the last National Convention of the CP, USA, pointing out that a decision was made at the National Convention to break completely with BRODER's Revisionism. He said that the CP is back on the Marxist - Leninist road to power. The subject stated that the CP, EPD, must institute an intensive educational program within the CP from the top leadership down to the lowest membership of the clubs.

CAROLAN testified that BART summarized the convention on the last day, and in his summary stated that the CP was dedicated to the destruction and overthrow of Capitalism and that the CP felt a close kinship with other Communist Parties throughout the world and was guided by the great examples of the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union and China.

TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL J. DiMARRI.
1309 WONDERLAND ROAD, ROSLYN, Pa.

DiMARRI testified on June 15 through 17, 1954, and his testimony is set forth on pages 3758 through 4025 of the transcript.

DiMARRI testified that he returned to Philadelphia, Pa., after service in the U. S. Army in the fall of 1946. A short time later, he was approached by DAVID DAVIS, who suggested that they meet with PHILIP BART, the District Organizer of the CP, EPD, for the purpose of DiMARRI being introduced to BART. He testified that a short time thereafter, he and DAVIS had lunch with BART, and BART informed him at this meeting that he, DiMARRI, had been re-elected to the District Committee of the CP, EPD, while he was in the Army.

DiMARRI's testimony reveals that he began to meet with the District Committee of the CP, EPD, in December 1946 and continued to meet with this group until July 1948. DiMARRI testified that during this period BART was Chairman of the District Committee and also Chairman of the District Board of the CP, EPD. DiMARRI's testimony disclosed that the District Board was composed of leading members of the District Committee who met between District Committee meetings for the purpose of establishing policy and making certain that the program of the CP was being carried out in the district.

DiMARRI testified that during the period 1946 - 1948, two members of the District Committee, CP, EPD, met with the National Committee of the CP, US. . He identified these two members as being DAVID DAVIS and PHILIP BART.

DiMARRI testified that the first District Committee meeting of the CP, EPD, which he attended after his return from military service was probably in December 1946. He identified BART, DAVIS, WEISS, and M. BRIED as being present at this meeting. He testified that BART gave the main report, in which he dealt with the basic errors of BROWDER's teachings and their effect upon the CP in the United States. BART said that due to the errors of BROWDER's teachings, the CP was completely disorganized in the trade union movement in basic industry, and, therefore, in order to carry out its everyday work, the CP must reorganize on a functioning basis in mass industry. BART stated that a commission would be established for the purpose of reorganizing and consolidating CP organizations in certain mass industry plants in the Philadelphia area, namely the electrical and steel industries.

According to DiMARRIA, in the latter part of 1946, a commission was established by the CP, EPD, for the purpose of reorganizing and consolidating CP organizations in mass industry. He testified that BART, DAVIS, KUZMA, and himself were members of this commission. DiMARRIA stated that he was assigned to assist in reorganizing the CP group at the Radio Corporation of America plant in Camden, N. J. DiMARRIA stated that this work continued until March of 1947, when he received instructions from BART to prepare a report on the progress of the work. DiMARRIA testified that he prepared the report and delivered it orally to BART and RUSSELL NIXON at a meeting in BART's home in March of 1947. This witness identified NIXON as being the individual who was in charge of the CP efforts on a national level to reorganize and consolidate CP groups in the electrical industry. At the conclusion of his report and the discussion that followed it, a general discussion was entered into by himself, BART, and NIXON concerning the position of the CP in the United States.

BART led the discussion and pointed out that the CP in the United States was coming under severe attacks from its class enemy, the bourgeoisie. BART stated that the CP must recognize and be prepared for possible legislation that would outlaw the CP. BART said that it was time the CP began to think in terms of creating organizations within the CP that would be in a favorable position to combat such legislation.

DiMARRIA also testified that in the late spring or early summer of 1947, he attended a meeting of the District Committee, CP, EPD. Among those present were BART, DAVIS, KLONSKY, M. BRIED, KUZMA, LOFFENFELS, and WEISS. BART was Chairman of the meeting and, in his speech, pointed out that the CP still suffered severely from the revisionist theories of BROWDER, and, therefore, it was absolutely necessary that the CP develop a program for improving the Marxist understanding of the CP membership in the district. He proposed that the District Committee approve a program of classes and schools throughout the district for the purpose of instruction and discussion of the theories of Marxism - Leninism.

DiMARRIA testified that following BART's proposal, a discussion took place participated in by the members of the District Committee. It was pointed out during this discussion that the reason the CP was a revolutionary party was because it was based upon the revolutionary theories of the teachings of MARX, ENGELS, LENIN, and STALIN and that the books written by these individuals were to be read and studied, not left lying on the book shelves. This witness testified that as a result of this discussion, an Educational Commission was established.

This witness also testified that in October of 1947 he attended a CP school, which was held in the central southwestern part of the city of Philadelphia. He could not recall the exact place at which this school was held. He testified that the school was held for five days and that the instructors were WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman, CP, USA; JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Trade Union Secretary, CP, USA; BETTY GANNETT, member of the Educational Commission, CP, USA; PHILIP BART, District Organizer, CP, EPD; and JOSEPH KUZMA, Trade Union Secretary, CP, EPD.

BART opened this school and stated prior to the first session that the school had been organized to develop the Marxist understanding of the CP members in attendance in line with directives of the National Committee, CP, USA. At one session of this school, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was the main speaker. Among those present at this session were BART, KUZMA, NABRIED, WEISS, and KLONSKY. This witness stated that when FOSTER entered the school, all the students and guests arose.

He testified that FOSTER's speech dealt with international developments. He pointed out that the Communist Parties of the world had grown immeasurably following the close of World War II because they had remained true to the principles of Marxism - Leninism. FOSTER said that it was only the CP of the United States, which had been misguided by the teachings of BROWDER, that was not in a position to take advantage of the many new developments in the United States after World War II. FOSTER said that the CP of the United States must fundamentally recognize the basic program of the CP as that doctrine by which the Proletariat could seize power from its class enemy, the Bourgeoisie. He testified that FOSTER said it was ridiculous to assume that Socialism could be achieved by peaceful means and that the only way which the Proletariat could seize control of the state would be by violent revolution.

In December of 1947, DIMARLA received instructions to meet with JOE KUZMA and PHILIP BART. This witness stated that at this meeting BART disclosed that the CP must begin to prepare for possible arrest of the CP leadership. He testified that he, DIMARLA, was given instructions by BART to gradually drop out of open CP activity. BART told him that no one, except himself and KUZMA, were to know that DIMARLA was a member of the CP. DIMARLA testified that following these instructions from BART, he disassociated himself from open CP activities during the following year and continued to function as a concealed member of the CP until May, 1951.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

T-82

This witness can testify that PHILIP BART was the Organizer of the CP, EPD, during the approximate period 1944 to 1948.

(1/19/55)

SAMUEL J. DIMARLA

This witness can introduce a one-page mimeographed letter bearing the heading "Communist Party, 250 S. Broad St., Rm. 710, Phila., 2, Pa.," dated November 26, 1946. This letter was addressed, "To All Members of the District Committee," and it contains the typewritten name, "PHIL BART," as the issuer, and disclosed that the National Secretariat arranged a meeting with the District Organizers to discuss the unsatisfactory results of the Party in its campaign to increase the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker."

It was decided at this meeting if the campaign was to be successful, it had to have the support and direct cooperation of every leading comrade in the Party. This letter requested the aid of the recipient in the campaign.

(See Exhibit 64)

Enclosed with this letter was a two-page mimeographed document entitled, "Final Stages In Press Campaign." This document was "issued by District Board and Press Dept., Communist Party, Eastern Pa." This item reveals that "the decision to increase the circulation of our Press was based on the very urgent need to win additional thousands of workers to support the program and policies of our Party." This document contained suggestions for increasing subscriptions and circulation and identified PHILIP BART as Chairman of the District Committee.

(7/15/54)

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This same witness can testify that PHIL BART, Organizer, CP, EPD, was Chairman of an enlarged district meeting, which was held at an International Workers Order Hall in the vicinity of Seventh Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1947 or 1948.

(11/4/54)

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Subsequent to the November 1948 presidential election, a closed CP District Board meeting, EPD, was held, and PHILIP BART discussed the failure of the labor movement as a whole to actively support Progressive Party candidates.

This witness was unable to recall the exact address where this meeting was held but stated that the location was in the Southwest section of center city, Philadelphia, Pa.

(11/2/54)

T-83

This witness can testify that he knew BART as a leader of the CP in Philadelphia in approximately 1948.

(5/11/54)

T-84

This witness can introduce a letter which she received in September 1954. This letter, which does not bear a date, was signed by "PHILIP BART, General Manager," and it bears the letterhead of "The Worker." The letter reminds this witness that her subscription to "The Worker" has expired. The body of this item states that "a renewal subscription blank is on the back of this renewal reminder." A self-addressed business reply envelope was enclosed bearing the address, "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", 35 East 12th Street, New York 3, N. Y.

(9/29/54)
(See Exhibit 65)

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T-85

This witness can testify that he also, in October of 1954, received a renewal reminder concerning his expired subscription to "The Worker." This witness can also introduce exhibit #65.

(12/13/54)

T-74

This witness can testify that as of late October 1954 BART was a CP underground functionary in charge of seven or eight midwest states for the CP.

(10/29/54)

T-52

This witness can testify that BART was recently appointed as director of the CP Reserve Fund.

(12/2/54)

This witness can also testify that PHIL BART is a member of the National Administrative Committee, CP, USA, and he is in charge of finances.

(1/17/55)

III. APPENDIX - WITNESSES

HERMAN ERWIN THOMAS
518 NORTH 23RD STREET, ALLENTOWN, PA.

This witness is a former member of the CP, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify to the following:

BART, the new District Organizer, CP, EPD, attended a CP meeting in February 1946 in Bethlehem, Pa.

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He attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section, CP, EPD, on June 2, 1946, in Bethlehem, Pa.

BART, in June 1946, attended a three-day District Convention of the CP, EPD, in Philadelphia, Pa. The subject spoke on the first and third days of this convention. On the third day of the convention, BART was elected to membership on the District Committee, CP, EPD.

BART attended a meeting of the District Board, CP, EPD, in the latter part of January 1947 at 1306 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

On March 2, 1947, he attended a CP, EPD, Building Conference at Mercantile Hall, North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. BART was the main speaker.

BART, on the last day of a three-day District Convention, CP, EPD, held July 1948 at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected to the District Committee, CP, EPD, as a delegate to the National Convention, CP, USA.

Approximately the third week of January 1949, the subject attended an enlarged District Committee meeting, CP, EPD, at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. BART was the main speaker.

On December 18, 1949, BART attended a CP meeting at 1306 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The New York Office, CP, USA, requested BART's release from position of District Organizer, CP, EPD, for work in the National Office.

In approximately the third week in May 1950, BART, Business Manager, "The Worker," attended a CP, EPD, meeting at Heller's Colonial Tea Room, Philadelphia, Pa., and spoke on the subscription drive.

(See pages 2, 3, and 4)

JOHN LAUTNER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

This witness is a former member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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This witness can testify that in approximately October 1949 he met BART, who was then the District Organizer, CP, EPD, in New York City, N. Y. They conversed concerning security problems in Philadelphia, Pa.

(See page 5)

LAWRENCE MAYNARD
2553 LEMMON ROAD, HONOLULU, T. H.

This witness is a former member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify that in approximately September 1949 BART, the District Chairman, CP, EPD, was in attendance at a CP meeting held at the CP, EPD, Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

He can further testify that BART's name was among those nominated as a delegate to the National Convention, CP, USA, at the District Convention, CP, EPD, held in December 1950 at April Farms, near Quakertown, Pa.

(See pages 5 and 6)

THOMAS E. CAROLAN
587 FORT WASHINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

This witness is a former member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify that in the latter part of June 1946 BART, the Chairman of the CP, EPD, opened the three-day convention of the CP, EPD, at the Met, Philadelphia, Pa. On the last day of the convention, BART summarized and stated that the CP was dedicated to the destruction and overthrow of Capitalism.

(See page 6)

SAMUEL J. DIMERIA
1309 WONDERLAND ROAD, ROSLYN, PA.

This witness is a former member of the CP, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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This witness can testify that he met with the District Committee, CP, EPD, from December 1946 until July 1948. During this period, BART was Chairman of the District Committee and also Chairman of the District Board, CP, EPD.

He can also testify that BART, during the period 1946 to 1948, was one of the two members of the District Committee, CP, EPD, that met with the National Committee, CP, USA.

In October of 1947, BART, the District Organizer, CP, EPD, spoke at the opening session of the CP-sponsored school.

He can further testify that in the latter months of 1946, BART was a member of a commission established by the CP, EPD, for the purpose of reorganizing and consolidating CP organizations in mass industry.

In December 1947, he was instructed by BART to gradually drop out of open CP activity.

He can also introduce a mimeographed letter dated November 26, 1946, issued by PHIL BART concerning the campaign to increase the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker."

BART was the Chairman of an enlarged district meeting, CP, EPD, held in 1947 or 1948 in the vicinity of Seventh Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

BART, subsequent to the November 1948 presidential election, discussed the failure of the labor movement as a whole to actively support the Progressive Party candidates at a closed CP District Board meeting, EPD.

(See pages 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11)

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T-52

This witness is a member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify that BART, a short time prior to early December 1954, was appointed as Director of the CP Reserve Fund.

This witness can further testify that BART was appointed as a member of the National Administrative Committee, CP, USA, and that he is in charge of finances.

(See page 12)

T-74

This witness is a member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify that BART was a CP underground functionary in charge of seven or eight midwest states for the CP.

(See page 12)

T-82

This witness is a former member of the CP who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can testify that BART was the Organizer of the CP, EPD, during the approximate period 1944 to 1948.

(See page 10)

T-83

This witness is a former member of the CP. He has furnished only limited information, much of which has been substantiated by other reliable informants.

This witness can testify that he knew the subject as a leader of the CP in Philadelphia, Pa., in approximately 1948.

(See page 11)

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T-84

This witness has never been a member of the CP, and she has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can introduce a letter signed by PHILIP BART, General Manager of "The Worker," which was received in September 1954 reminding this witness that her subscription to "The Worker" had expired. (See exhibit #65.)

(See page 11)

T-85

This witness has never been a member of the CP. He has furnished reliable information in the past.

This witness can introduce a letter, which he received October 1954 from PHILIP BART, General Manager, "The Worker," reminding him that his subscription to "The Worker" had expired. (See exhibit #65.)

(See page 12)

IV. APPENDIX - EXHIBITS - DOCUMENTS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Introduced By</u>	<u>Page Number Where Exhibits Appear</u>	<u>Location of Original Exhibit</u>
64	Photostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated November 26, 1946, directed by PHIL BART to all members of the District Committee	SAMUEL J. DIMARIA	10	Philadelphia Office, FBI

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Introduced By</u>	<u>Page Number Where Exhibits Appear</u>	<u>Location of Original Exhibit</u>
65	Photostatic copy of a letter from PHILIP BART re renewal reminder for "The Worker". Letter does not bear a date.	T-84 and T-85	11	Philadelphia Office, FBI

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

Photostatic copies of exhibits 64 and 65, two of each.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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T-52 CG 5824-S	BART appointed Director, CP Reserve Fund	12/2/54	Awaiting Documenta- tion	100-22157-3699
	BART is member of National Administra- tive Committee, CP, USA	1/17/55	SA MICHAEL R. CARRANO (oral)(CG Office)	100-22157-3712
T-74 [redacted]	b7D BART CP underground functionary in midwest	10/29/54	SA R. H. BLASSER (Orally) (New York Office)	100-22157-3672
T-82 [redacted] (By request)	b7D BART Organizer, CP, EPD, 1944 - 1948	1/19/55	SAs [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] (Orally)	100-22157-3729 b6 b7C

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T-83 Former CS [redacted] [redacted]	BART leader of CP in Philadelphia in 1948	5/11/54	SAs HARRY C. BELK, JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Jr., (Orally)	100-22157-3691 b6 b7C b7D
T-84 [redacted]	Renewal reminder for "The Worker"	9/29/54	S. [redacted] [redacted]	100-4842-1B- 30 (6)
T-85 PST [redacted] [redacted]	Renewal reminder for "The Worker"	12/13/54	S. CARLTON H. WOLFARTH	100-4842-1B- 30 (9)

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Will furnish the Philadelphia Office and the Bureau the appropriate documentation concerning the information received from T-52, which was reported in New York's air-tel dated 12/2/54, relative to the subject being appointed as Director, CP Reserve Fund.

REFERENCE:

Prosecutive summary report of SA EDWARD A. SMITH, 10/28/54, Philadelphia.

Report of SA CARL E. CLAIBORNE, 11/19/54, Philadelphia.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK
CP, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, IS-C. REMYTEL APRIL FIVE LAST,
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MRS. LOU ROSEN FROM STAMFORD AND WOULD MEET PHIL IN "BICKFORD'S
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PLAZA HOTEL, 91 HIF AVE., SAME CITY, DISCREET INQUIRY 3:00
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WHILE UNDER FISUR NEW YORK AGENTS, ENTERED ABOVE HOTEL. JOINT
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ROSEN, 850 HIGH RIDGE RD., STAMFORD, CONN. AT 8:20 P.M., WHILE
UNDER FISUR NEWARK AGENTS, CONNIE MET HUSBAND PHIL IN PLAZA

- 1 cc. New York 100-19249 (Jack Kling)
- 1 cc. New York 100-12959 (Connie Bart)
- 1 cc. New York 100-12959 (Phil Bart)
- 1 cc. Newark 100-12706 (Jack Kling)
- 1 cc. Newark 100-40487 (Connie Bart)
- 1 cc. Newark 100-11376 (Phil Bart)

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HOTEL LOBBY. BOTH PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO ROOM #15. FULL DISCREET COVERAGE THROUGHOUT NIGHT DETERMINED NEITHER LEFT ROOM. AT 7:50 AM INSTANT DATE, THEY LEFT ROOM FOR BREAKFAST, BICKFORD'S RESTAURANT, AFTER WHICH RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO HOTEL. 12:40 PM BOTH CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL AND PROCEEDED TOGETHER VIA HUDSON TUBE TRAIN TO CHRISTOPHER ST. STATION, NYC, WHERE THEY SEPARATED. FIBUR DISCONTINUED THIS TIME. NO CONTACTS MADE DURING ABOVE PERIOD. DURING STAY IN HOTEL []

[] WHO AT THAT TIME HAD ACCESS TO CONNIE AND PHIL'S LUGGAGE, WAS CONTACTED. CONNIE POSSESSED NOTHING OF INTEREST. A SOURCE ADVISED MATERIAL IN PHIL'S POSSESSION INCLUDED MISC. LITERATURE OF NO VALUE PLUS ADDITIONAL INFO WHICH LARGELY APPEARED TO BE DUPLICATION OF INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [] A SOURCE CLOSE TO JACK KLING. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SECURITY, SOURCE WAS CONTACTED FOR SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND CONSEQUENTLY WAS ABLE TO FURNISH ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-20-55
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following information must be most carefully handled to afford maximum security to the informant.

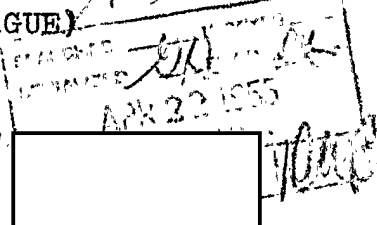
Re Chicago letter to the Director captioned as above with copies to New York and other offices which sets forth information obtained by CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, from PHIL BART during conferences with CG 5824-S between the evening of March 23, 1955, and the afternoon of March 25, 1955. The following information which CG 5824-S received from BART during this same period was also furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING and SA CARL N. FREYMAN by CG 5824-S on March 26, 1955.

It is noted that CG 5824-S has advised

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(7-New York (Registered)

1-100-80641 (CP - ORGANIZATION)
1-100-89590 (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1-100-80633 (CP - EDUCATION)
1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1-100- (LEON WOFSY)
1-100- (MEL WILLIAMSON)
1-100-95240 (LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE)
1-CG 134-46
1-CG 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
1-CG 100-19431 (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1-CG 100-18338 (CP - EDUCATION)
1-CG 100-20819 (LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE)
1-CG 100-3826 (TOM KELLY)



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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION

that MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District #8 of the CP, was present during most of these conferences between BART and the informant.

Party Policy On Training
of Cadre

BART stated that the CP presently has a five to ten year plan for the training of cadre. He advised that this plan was devised because of the numerous arrests of CP leaders and also because of the advanced age of several CP leaders.

BART stated that these cadre are being taken from the LYL and the plan is to have these persons trained to step into leadership positions five to ten years hence, or earlier if necessary. BART stated that the reason that LEON WOFSY is on the National Administrative Committee of the CP is that he is the type of person being groomed for future leadership in the Party.

BART also mentioned MEL WILLIAMSON in this same regard.

According to BART these cadre will be selected from persons with a background and training in the LYL and also, if possible, with a labor background. BART also stated that persons are being considered who have family connections and again used LEON WOFSY as an example, stating that his father and brother and, in fact, his whole family are CP members.

New Party Cadre
Policy in Shops

BART stated that as a result of the loss of a number of trade union people who have become labor leaders in the ordinary sense and not Party leaders, a new cadre policy has been developed by the CP for the shops citing the

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION

steel industry as an example. BART stated that in the future, the CP will try to select a member from that industry, if not from the specific steel plant involved, and make that member a Party organizer in the shop. BART stated that the Party will try to get away from bringing Party organizers into the shop from outside the industry involved.

Continuing, BART stated that the most developed person politically would be selected, would be given training in the Party first, then on trade union matters, then would be given a full time job as a Party organizer.

Concerning this last step, BART cited the example of TOM KELLY, Party organizer in the steel industry in Chicago, who is employed at the U. S. Steel Company in Chicago. BART stated that no person is physically capable of working all day and at the same time devoting proper attention to the job of being a Party organizer.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APR 21 1955

NEW YORK, 4/20/55

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

CP-USA, LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, IS-C. DALET. ON ~~THIS DATE~~ 4-20-55
NY 1475-S*, WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES AT CP NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS, NYC, ADVISED MARTHA STONE MADE A PROPOSAL TO
A GROUP CONSISTING OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, ALBERT ~~BLOOMBERG~~ **BLUMBERG**,
PHIL BART, AND GEORGE WATT, THAT A NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

Used

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-70)(REGULAR REGISTERED)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - NEWARK (MARTHA STONE)(REGULAR REGISTERED)
- 1 - NEW HAVEN (MARTHA STONE)(REGULAR REGISTERED)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 SUB A (CP-USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (CP-USA)(#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT ~~BLOOMBERG~~ **BLUMBERG**)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#7-1)
- 1 - SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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DR:BAR (#12-14)
NY 100-80636

Approved _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

100-56579-1006

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CONFERENCE BE CALLED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER 1955 (IT IS NOTED ALL OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY NY 1475-S* AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CP). STONE STATED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE THIS CONFERENCE HELD IN SEPTEMBER THAN TO HOLD IT IN AUGUST AS IT WAS HELD LAST YEAR. STONE FURTHER PROPOSED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ALONG WITH A FEW DISTRICT ORGANIZERS BE CALLED FOR JUNE AT WHICH TIME LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE PINPOINTED. BOTH PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE NAC AND THE DATE OF 9/2/55 WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE; HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC DATE WAS SET FOR THE NAC MEETING TO BE HELD IN JUNE. FOR INFORMATION.

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NY 4/22/55

BUREAU

CP, USA; IB-C. INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE PAST MONTH FROM NY 1475-S, WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES AT CP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NYC, THAT THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE CP MEETS AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN NYC ON A REGULAR BASIS EVERY OTHER WEEK ON TUESDAY. INFORMANT HAS INDICATED THAT IN THE FUTURE AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS SCHEDULE WITH EXCEPTIONS ONLY BEING MADE IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. INFORMANT ADVISED ON 4/20/55 THE NEXT NAC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 5/9/55 AND THIS IS BEING HELD ON MONDAY SO IT WILL COINCIDE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

3-BUREAU (100-3) (RM)
1-CHICAGO (100-) (CP, USA) (INFO) (RM)
1-CHICAGO (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM)
1-CHICAGO (100-) CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
1-NEW JERSEY (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1-NEW HAVEN (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1-NEW YORK (100-80641) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (#12-14)
1-NEW YORK (100-4931 SUB 26) (P & C) (#12-14)
1-NEW YORK (100-98899) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)
1-NEW YORK (100-66211) (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
1-NEW YORK (100-18673) (GEORGE WATT) (#7-5)
1-NEW YORK (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
1-NEW YORK (100-9984) (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (#7-5)

DR:MXC (#12-14)

NY 100-4931

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NY 100-4921

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THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, ARE
USUALLY REGULAR ATTENDANTS AT THESE NAC MEETINGS:
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, MARTHA TOME, A. BLUMBERG, PHIL BART AND
GEORGE WATT. INFORMANT HAS INDICATED THE NAC IS THE CURRENT
POLICY MAKING COMMITTEE OF THE CP, USA, OPEN ORGANIZATION.
NY 1475-S* IS NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO SUPPLY FULL COVERAGE OF
THESE MEETINGS BUT IN THE PAST HAS HAD PARTIAL COVERAGE
OF THIS ACTIVITY. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT
INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THIS INFORMANT REGARDING THESE
MEETINGS. FOR INFO.

KELLY

TRANSMIT TO 70-71 OFFICE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3284)

DATE: 3/14/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56579)

Corrected Security Index cards
attached. Substitute for cards
in file and destroy old cards.
Place photograph and description on
reverse side of geographical card.

SUBJECT: PHILLIP PART, was.
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SMITH ACT 1940

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

CP, USA, 268 7th Avenue, N.Y.C. (Organizational Secretary & Treasurer)

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 120 Ave. N., Brooklyn, N.Y. 100-7-1008

% CELIA LEVY (Sister)

REGISTERED MAIL

DAB:MFR

DATE: 4-26-55
BY: g

[Handwritten signature]

SAC, New Haven

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SAC, New York (100-96985)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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On 4/13/55, inquiry at the Plaza Hotel, Jersey City, N.J., determined that CONSTANCE BART obtained a room there, Room No. 415, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. LOU ROSE, 850 Highridge Road, Stamford, Conn. At that time, she met her husband, PHIL BART, and they spent the evening in the hotel room.

CONSTANCE BART, according to NK 2010-S*, is a CP functionary operating in the national underground. This informant has identified PHIL BART as a member of the National Administrative Committee and a former national CP functionary.

New Haven Office is requested to advise if the Stamford, Conn., address is pertinent to the investigation of the operations of the CP underground.

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- 1 - Newark (Info) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART) (7-1)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)

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COMPROS - SAN JUAN. NY 1474-S* INFORMED ON 4/28/55 THAT LEON NELSON MET WITH A MISS [REDACTED] (PHONETIC), LATER IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] (PHONETIC), WHO IS POSSIBLY MERCEDES ARROYO, AT NY STATE CP HEADQUARTERS AND DISCUSSED THE DEFENSE AND RAISING OF BAIL FUNDS FOR THE PUERTO RICAN SMITH ACT SUBJECTS. MISS [REDACTED] ADVISED NELSON THAT THERE IS MORE ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE IN PUERTO RICO REGARDING THEIR DEFENSE THAN WE KNOW ABOUT, BUT, BECAUSE OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEM, WE ARE NOT ADVISED. SHE FURTHER TALKED TO NELSON ABOUT TALK AMONG THE PUERTO RICAN

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3-BUREAU (100-3-74-48) (RM)
1-SAN JUAN (RAM)
1-NY 100-54651 (CP, USA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (#12-14)
1-NY 100-80633 (CP, USA - EDUCATION) (#12-14)
1-NY 100-80675 (CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS) (#7-2)
1-NY 100-63755 (LEON NELSON) (#7-6)
1-NY 100-57644 (MERCEDES ARROYO) (#12-15)
1-NY 100-NEW [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
1-NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOPSY) (#7-1)
1-NY 100-63221 (BILL ALBERTSON) (#12-11)
1-NY 100-9352 (ABE MAGIL) (#12-14)
1-NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
1-NY 100-13473 (SI GERSON) (#12-14)
1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (#12-14)

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(1-J. T. NEAGIE)

100-56579-1010 *8*

COMRADES OF ELECTING A PUERTO RICAN CONGRESSMAN IN THE 18TH.

NY 1475-S* INFORMED ON 5/2/55 THAT NELSON TALKED TO PHIL BART AND IZZY WOPSY AT CP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND TOLD BART THAT THE PROBLEM OF DEFENDING THE PUERTO RICAN SMITH ACT SUBJECTS IS NOT A NY RESPONSIBILITY BUT INSTEAD IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. NELSON SAID PUERTO RICO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RUN THE DEFENSE AND HE TOLD WOPSY THAT WE NEED ONE PERSON TO COME UP HERE AND CONSULT WITH A COMMITTEE OF ATTORNEYS REGARDING THESE TRIALS. NELSON TOLD BART THAT EITHER ABE MAGIL OR BILL, BELIEVED TO BE BILL ALBERTSON, WOULD HAVE TO TAKE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ACTIVITY. NELSON REFERRED TO MISS

AND SAID THAT SHE IS NOT CAPABLE AND COULD NOT TAKE THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A COMMITTEE HANDLING THE PUERTO RICAN DEFENSE, BUT COULD BE ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN. BART SAID THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE ABE MAGIL CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND HE PROBABLY COULD NOT HANDLE BOTH. NY 1475-S* INFORMED ON 5/3/55 THAT BILL FROM CRC, BELIEVED TO BE BILL ALBERTSON, ADVISED BART THAT HE HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF THE LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES AT THE PUERTO RICAN SMITH ACT TRIAL AND WILL PUBLICIZE THIS BY SENDING APPEALS TO NEWSPAPERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, HOPING TO MAKE A SUPREME COURT CASE OUT OF

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THE TRIAL. BILL SAID THAT \$62,000 COULD NOT BE RAISED QUIETLY AND HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE FIRST MET [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO WHEN SHE CAME TO CRC AND WE GAVE HER A DESK AS SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE WORKING IN BEHALF OF THE PUERTO RICAN SMITH ACT SUBJECTS. BILL SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN HER SINCE. BART SAID THAT [REDACTED] (PHONETIC), MAGIL, MARTHA (BELIEVED TO BE MARTHA STONE), WOPSY, SI (BELIEVED TO BE SI GERSON) AND NELSON MET ONE MONTH AGO AND DISCUSSED THE RAISING OF PUERTO RICAN BAIL MONEY. BART SAID THAT ABE MAGIL, [REDACTED] AND OTHERS SHOULD BE CALLED IN WITHIN 48 HOURS TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE RAISING OF BAIL MONEY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PUERTO RICAN SMITH ACT TRIALS.

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SAC, Newark

5/3/55

SAC, New York (100-86211) 7-5

MARTHA STONE
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According to NY 693-88, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP headquarters, HARRY (believed to be HARRY HAYWOOD) contacted [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] at CP headquarters on 2/16/55.

[redacted] said that she wanted to talk to him on a theoretical question. He asked if it was something in which he was involved, and she replied that it was and asked if he saw the article that was going to be published in March.

He said he had not seen it and asked if it was by "MANN" (believed to refer to an article by ROBERT MANN). [redacted] said it was not. It was written by two names which she did not recognize. HARRY said that he thought it was the same individual and the same set up, and [redacted] said it was terrifically sharp and a little bit nasty.

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HARRY asked if it was an item about the peasantry, and she said that it concerned "the centers, the left of centers." HARRY asked if it was on the line of "that report," and she replied that it was and that it was sharper than anything she had seen before.

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He indicated that the report was an ideological report that she had at headquarters and, if it was "under-estimation of fascism."

[redacted] cautioned him that the conversation was strictly between the two of them. HARRY assented and stated that

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- 1 - New Haven (100-) (MARTHA STONE)
- 1 - NY 100-81491 (HARRY HAYWOOD) 12-14
- 1 - NY 100-8033 [redacted] 12-14
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 7-1
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE BART) 7-1
- 1 - NY 100-120128 (PARTY VOICE) 12-14
- 1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, DEB - NEGRO QUESTION) 12-14

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Letter to SAC, Newark
NY 100-66211

he knew about the article. He asked her if she could do some typing for him, as he had to answer some correspondence, and she indicated that she would possibly be able to do it the following evening.

The informant advised that [] contacted HARRY later that same day to ask if he was going to remain where he was so she could notify him as soon as MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) came in. b6 b7C

He asked her if his name had been mentioned, and she replied that it had not; that only that of "a certain comrade" was indicated.

He asked if she had some theoretical questions on it and she replied that anybody would have on "your document or the other, on the whole thing, naturally." She told him to remain where he was until MARTHA came in.

The informant disclosed, in addition, that later that same day HARRY contacted MARTHA at CP headquarters and stated that he was still working on "that business" and expected definitely to have it ready on Friday (presumably 2/19/55).

MARTHA asked if he had a job, and he replied that he had just a temporary position, not a full-time one.

HARRY went on to say that he understood that there was an article which would probably require some more answering in the "March", asking too what was being done about the fact that, without furnishing discussion of his article and not having it printed, nevertheless replies to his article were being published.

Letter to SAC, Newark
NY 100-66211

MARTHA said that she would furnish him a copy of the article for March and discuss it with him later. She advised him not to jump into any conclusions about the kind of article it was, and they agreed to meet on Friday afternoon.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, Newark

5/4/55

SAC, New York (100-66211) 7-5

MARTHA STONE
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According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, on 2/23/55, MAC GORDON attempted to contact PHIL BART at CP Headquarters.

As BART was not available, GORDON asked that he be told to get in touch with him.

The informant further advised that later that same day "GUY" (believed to be PHIL BART) contacted MAC GORDON saying he understood MAC was trying to get in touch with him. He arranged to meet MAC at the office later that afternoon.

According to the informant, on 2/24/55, "GUY" contacted JOE (believed to be JOE FIELDS) at New Century Publishers and asked him if it was too late to rewrite an article on "Mc Carthyism" in "Political Affairs." JOE said that it was.

GUY then asked for the cost of reprints on the "Hastings Article" in the March issue, and JOE said it depends on the length of the article, the number of reprints desired, and whether pages would have to be renumbered.

The informant advised that later that same day JOE FIELDS left word at CP Headquarters for PHIL with MARTHA STONE. He asked her to relay a message that the reprints on the "Hastings Article" in the March "Political Affairs" would run to \$225 for 5000 24page pamphlets or \$.044 per copy. MARTHA said that she understood it but they would have to make a decision about that.

RM *In the event this info is disseminated, protect the informant's identity.*

- 1 - New Haven (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 7-1
- 1 - NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON) 12-16
- 1 - NY 100-46469 (JOE FIELDS) 12-13
- 1 - NY 100-97167 ("POLITICAL AFFAIRS") 7-2
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITY) 12-14

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SAC, Memphis

5/4/55

SAC, New York (100-91413) 7-5

JUNIUS SCALES
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According to NY 693-Su, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, ANDY (believed to be ANDY REMES) contacted PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) at CP National Headquarters on 2/16/55. They made arrangements to meet at 11:00 A.M. the following morning and discussed for a moment the coming first anniversary of the death of WILLIAM WEINER.

The informant further advised that BOB (believed to be ROBERT APPEL) contacted PHIL and agreed to meet him downtown "at the place" (believed to be 77 Fifth Avenue).

According to the informant, on that same day, BILL ALBERTSON contacted PHIL to tell him that they were waiting for him, and PHIL stated that he could not see them until 6:30 P.M.

According to the informant, on 2/17/55, a man, who identified himself as MANNY, (believed to be MANNY CANTOR) told PHIL BART that their 4:30 appointment was definite.

The informant further advised that on 2/17/55 one JUNIUS (believed to be JUNIUS SCALES) contacted PHIL BART at CP headquarters and advised him that his address was Apartment 2-7, 1135 Henderson Avenue, between 166th and 167th (this is believed to be Anderson Avenue). He informed PHIL that he would be unable to see him that day because his wife had pneumonia and they arranged a meeting for the following day.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - Memphis (100-) (COMPROS)
- 1 - Charlotte (100-) (JUNIUS SCALES)
- 1 - Charlotte (100-) (COMPROS)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 7-1
- 1 - NY 100-14599 (ANDY REMES) 7-5
- 1 - NY 100-319 (ROBERT APPEL) 12-10
- 1 - NY 100-6322 (BILL ALBERTSON) 12-11
- 1 - NY 100-105565 (MANNY CANTOR) 7-5

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Director, FBI (100-6885)

2/5/55

SAC, New York (100-12959)

CONSTANCE S. BART, was
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Rebuair-tel, 1/28/55 (Bufile [redacted] to NY, entitled, [redacted] Former Security Informant," and NY air-tel to all offices, 2/3/55.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of amended of the report of SA [redacted] NY, 5/10/54, in instant case. There are also being forwarded herewith two of amended page 9 to Cleveland and Philadelphia Offices.

On page 9, paragraph 6, line 1, after "T-20" insert the following words, "of known unreliability."

This page should replace the original in rerep. NY copies of this report have been corrected.

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- 2 - Cleveland (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-94014 Sub A
- 1 - NY 100-56579

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CP, USA - MEMBERS
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On 3/3/55, NY 2010-74 made available photographic reproductions of various documents possessed by JACK KLING, CP underground functionary. Included in this material were various notes relating to CP, USA finances. The following notations appeared on one page of aforementioned notes:

"Jim"

- 1) Separate
- a) approach on finances

1,000,000 Corp, Business and Inv't-for years a great source of income
all other " (Press, Bldg, R-, Corp, etc, etc)

"Mike Will"

- b) Whole Special Fund

- c) Estimate for 1954
Goal 200,000 - Poss 250

Stanley	1 50
Don	2 10-25
Moley	3 25 (10 Rec'd)

Whole

Concerning the above quotation, it is believed "Jim" refers to JIM BART, reported head of CP, USA finances.

"Stanley" probably refers to STANLEY I. KATZ, who reportedly is involved in CP, USA reserve fund operations.

- 1- NY 100-111100 (STANLEY I. KATZ) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-7658 (JIM BART) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-12672 (FRANK J. MOSEY) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-56579 (JIM BART) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING) (8-1)

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"Len" probably refers to LEN HARTIG, former "log man" for WILLIAM WEINER, who was head of CP, USA finances.

"GOW" is probably identical with LINCOLN GOW, reportedly a member of the CP, USA national finances committee.

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- 1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDREW REMES) (7-5)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56 (MICHAEL DAVIDOW) (7-1)
- 1 - Supervisor J. T. HEAGLE (7-5)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-74)

April 14, 1956

SAC, CHICAGO (100-17965)

Attention: Central Research Desk (RM)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

BRIEF

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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING on April 1, 1956 a forty page study guide which indicates that it is the program of the Communist Party - "The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Racial Rights and Democracy" and that it was printed in Chicago, Illinois in 1955. The document furnished by CG 5824-S is being maintained in Chicago file 100-17965-1B12. One photostatic copy of this document is being furnished to the Bureau and to the New York Division.

CG 5824-S advised that he had learned from MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District Number 8 of the Communist Party, that this document was prepared by DAVID ENGELSTEIN presently operating in the underground in District Number 8. The original document prepared by ENGELSTEIN is being maintained in the safe in the Communist Party Headquarters located at 36 West Randolph Street, Chicago. MOLLIE WEST stated that 210 copies of this document have been printed. She further told CG 5824-S that this study guide will be used for Communist Party classes in District Number 8 of the Communist Party and that some of the printed copies have been sent to New York City.

It is noted that PHIL BART told CG 5824-S during the period from March 23, 1956 to March 25, 1956 that the Communist Party will try to re-establish the educational apparatus wherever possible and in this connection will use largely a 31 page educational outline prepared by EUGENE DAVID (DAVID ENGELSTEIN). It is believed that this is the outline referred to by BART.

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100-58579 (PHIL BART)

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- 100-18338 (CP - Education)
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SAC, New York (100-96985)

4/18/55

J. J. KEARNEY, SA

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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On 3/31/55, NK 2010-S* furnished photographic reproductions of documents which at that time were in the possession of JACK KLING, CP Underground functionary operating in the national underground.

Attached for instant case file is a copy of a letter from DICK (JACK KLING) to PHIL (PHIL BART), which letter is dated March 28, 1955. The letter reads as follows:

"March 28, 1955

"Dear Phil;

You have already received the information that you will be busy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11, 12 and 13th. I would like to suggest that you arrange to be free all day on the 13th. A good part of the day should be spent by yourself to clean yourself as best as possible. Please be on Monday eve. April 11th at 6.30 P.M. on Fordham and the Concourse outside the movie house. The movie is on Fordham, the North Side of the street, across the Cafeteria. I will pick you up at that time. Alternate will be at 7 P.M. same place.

- 1 NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(7-1)
- 1 100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART)(7-1)
- 1 100-123360-2 (NAT per NY 1418-S*)(7-1)
- 1 100- (JERRY per NK 2010-S* probably a close associate of KLING)
- 1 100-19249 (JACK KLING)(7-1)
- 1 100-113072 (ABE STALL)(12-11)
- 1 100-new (EDITH STALL)(12-11)
- 1 100- BERNIE BURTON

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"I understand that you either want to or have arranged to see Nat after our meeting. You may be through very late on the 13th making it impossible for you to see her that night. Perhaps you should set up an alternate for the next morning. I am seeing Nat and will discuss the matter and will bring to you all necessary information.

"Jerry gave me a few days ago a note from you and one for Nat, I will give it to Nat when I see her. However she told me as she was on the corner to meet your friends, she was surprised to find you along. Well to tell you the truth I was both shocked and disturbed. The whole set up, of getting people to be in touch with each other in both your and mine behalf is to avoid direct contact between you and me, or you and my asst. The reasons we well know. Yet you show up on the street corner to meet the person who has direct contact with me. This in my judgement is a violation not only of our agreements, but also represents a serious violation of security needs and arrangements. I do not even question the reasons for it, or whether you took the proper or necessary precautions before coming to the corner. That I assume. But in my judgement no critical emergency was on hand that justified that experience. I want to call it to your attention, with the hope that we will avoid doing it in the future.

"Finally, we have a family that we hope to use for some of our needs. They indicate that they know Bernie Burton and his wife very well. Can you please get in written form from Bernie an estimate of this couple, Let him tell us just what he knows of both, how long, how he came to meet them, his opinions of them etc. He should not know just for whom they are needed or why we are asking for the inf. You can tell him you want it for yourself. The name of the couple is Edith & Abe Stall, living in B'klyn.

"With best regards,

"Dick"

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The NAT mentioned in this letter is believed to be CONSTANCE BART. The identity of JERRY is not known, although it is believed that JERRY may be KLING'S courier. EDITH and ABE STALL from other notes received from the above informant are believed to be people who will supply storage space or working space for the National CP Underground operations.

In the first paragraph of the above quoted letter, it is noted that KLING and PHIL BART had a meet for 4/11/55. A fisur on this date observed KLING and BART to meet at the above-described street corner.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)

DATE: 4/27/55

FROM : JOHN J. KEARNEY, SA

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was
SMITH ACT 1940
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Subject is being considered for prosecution under the Smith Act 1940. Since August, 1951 to February 14, 1955 subject had been operating in the CP underground. 7-5

On 2/14/55 according to NY 694-S* subject came into open party work. Since that date investigation has shown subject to be active in open party business, using his true name.

Subject does have contact with the underground as do most all members of the national open CP. These contacts are nominal.

Subject's wife is presently operating in the national underground apparatus and her activities are being closely followed. However, her relationship with subject is not that of husband and wife.

Inasmuch as subject is being considered for prosecution under the Smith Act and is no longer a participant in the underground apparatus, it is recommended that this matter being supervised from the Compros squad.

- Archie [unclear]*
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- 1 - NY 100-96985 (CP Underground) (7-1)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-63)

DATE: 5/3/55

3 FROM: SAC, New York (100-74560)

SUBJECT: CP, USA FUNDS
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IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT GREAT CARE MUST BE
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(1 - 100-3284) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT)
(1 - 100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)
(1 - 100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-) (ALBERT MALTZ)
(1 - 100-) (KENNETH FRIEDMAN)
(1 - 100-) (GEORGE MARSHALL)
(1 - 100-) (FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD)

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 - (1 - 100-97169) (Daily Worker) (7-2)
 - (1-100-79725) (Camp Unity) (12-9)
 - (1-100-110775) (Camp Wyandot) (12-9)
 - (1-100-2936) (IWO) (7-2)
 - (1 - 100-8522) (ALP) (7-2)
 - (1 - 100-93572) (National Guardian) (7-2)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART) (7-1)
 - (1 - 100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (7-1)
 - (1 - 100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) ((7-1)
 - (1 - 65-5604) (BILL ALBERTSON) (7-5)
 - (1 - 100-4078) (ALBERT MALTZ) (7-6)
 - (1 - 100-76514) (KENNETH FRIEDMAN) (12-9)
 - (1 - 100-50847) (GEORGE MARSHALL) (12-15)
 - (1 - 100-14419) (FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD) (12-14)
 - (1 - 134-91) (P&C)

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On 4/15/55, NY 694-S advised that during a recent conference with PHIL BART, CP, USA functionary, on 4/11/55, BART discussed the following:

BART is presently in charge of CP, USA Organizational and financial operations. He anticipates that he will have to serve a three months sentence in jail for contempt of Congress. Upon the completion of his jail sentence - which should be about Labor Day - he will resume his present CP activities. BART stated that his responsibilities are numerous, mentioning that he is in complete charge of "the WILL FUND," another name for the CP Reserve Fund (secret CP fund) that was controlled by the late WILLIAM WEINER before the latter's death. "The WILL FUND," BART said, is so referred to by reason of WEINER's first name having been "WILL."

BART, referring to the Reserve Fund, stated that he had a "code" of WEINER's which he could not decipher but which, if deciphered, might be the key to various financial transactions of WEINER's. BART indicated that there might be donors whom WEINER had contacted and businesses which he had operated, concerning which the Party now has no knowledge.

NY 694-S told BART that when the informant had worked with WEINER in the Reserve Fund Operation, a code had been used, and that possibly, if NY 694-S could see the code BART had, the informant might recognize it. NY 694-S stated that although he had no recollection at the moment of the code used in the past by him and WEINER, to see the code in the possession of BART might refresh his recollection of the WEINER code.

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BART was pleased to hear that NY 694-S might be of assistance in this regard and stated that he would discuss this matter again with the informant. BART stated that he had been appointed to replace WEINER in October, 1953, several months before WEINER's death. He saw WEINER, however, only once - in October, 1953, - before WEINER died. According to BART, neither he nor BETTY GANNETT had been able to talk to WEINER for several months prior to WEINER's death, and consequently "there were many things that would require piecing together."

BART said he should like to discuss with the informant at a future date WEINER's method of operating the Reserve Fund insofar as NY 694-S was acquainted with WEINER's methods. BART thought that possibly NY 694-S might recall names of donors and the identity of business operations which presently are unknown to the Party. The informant advised BART that he should be happy to cooperate in every way possible. BART then stated that he should like to organize the Reserve Fund Operation in such a way as to have "some responsible people" in the said operation. In this connection, he said, he had a definite objective, "to ascertain how NY 694-S could fit into the picture."

BART stated he had learned from BETTY GANNETT of NY 694-S's liaison with the Canadian CP, which he considered of the greatest importance. He said he should like to secure the services of the informant and of "a few people like him" to assist BART in finances and "other kinds of work." BART suggested that the

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informant, STANLEY LEVISON, one of BART's chief assistants in the Reserve Fund Operation, and BART meet in a few weeks to discuss some financial problems. He requested that NY 694-S remain "clean" so far as other CP activities are concerned.

When NY 694-S mentioned to BART that he had seen STANLEY LEVISON, BART immediately became excited, inquiring where, when and under what circumstances the informant had seen LEVISON. BART seemed quite relieved when NY 694-S informed him that it had been longer than a year since he had seen LEVISON. BART indicated that LEVISON is not "available," and that BART would have considered it a serious matter if LEVISON recently had allowed himself to be contacted openly. The informant inferred from BART's remarks that LEVISON is a very important member of the Reserve Fund Operation.

It is NY 694-S's opinion that it should be considered possible that by reason of LEVISON's seeming "legitimate businessman status," the latter might be an individual through whom funds are channeled to the CP fugitives. It is the informant's thought that BART's obvious concern about LEVISON's remaining unavailable suggests such a possibility.

Referring to the informant's requests in the past to the Canadian CP for financial assistance to the CP, USA, BART stated that it was he who finally decided against repeating requests for Canadian financial assistance to the CP, USA. To him, he said, "it was like big brothers asking little brother for money." He felt, he said, that the CP, USA,

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"could lose face" by such requests for aid. The CP, USA, however, could ask the Canadian CP for financial aid to the Cuban CP, BART remarked, without loss of dignity. BART said he felt that the Canadian CP had a duty of assisting financially the Cuban CP, "which is more or less underground."

BART said that since the CP, USA has been sending sizeable amounts of money to the Cuban CP, any financial assistance rendered by the Canadian CP to the Cuban CP to a certain extent would relieve the responsibility of the CP, USA, in this respect. BART remarked that the Canadian CP could not be expected to contribute to the Puerto Rican CP because the latter "is part of the states." When NY 694-S next goes to Toronto, BART said, the informant is to discuss with the Canadian CP the matter of financial assistance to the Cuban CP. BART, however, would like to discuss the situation again with NY 694-S immediately before the informant goes to Toronto.

With reference to the Reserve Fund, BART then said that "during the past year, there have been no new earnings." As yet, according to BART, he "has not had time to develop this situation. The need now, he stated, is "for more donors and some sure investments." BART said he should like to invest a part of the Reserve Fund in "a sure - fire investment," such as a business that would return a hundred percent profit without risk.

BART inquired whether NY 694-S knew of any such business enterprise "or any similar investment possibility." The informant promised to be alert to any

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such possibility, and then asked how much money BART was prepared to invest. BART replied that he should be willing to invest \$25,000.

Inasmuch as in the past, when NY 694-S was associated with WEINER in the Reserve Operation, money invested never constituted more than 25% of the total Reserve Fund, NY 694-S estimated that the current amount of the Reserve Fund may be about \$100,000. This, the informant states, is only a guess, based upon the probability that the Reserve Fund continues to operate as it did in the past.

BART then informed NY 694-S that he recently had visited Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and Cleveland, in connection with the CP Fund Drive. Mentioning that \$100,000 was needed for the "Daily Worker," and \$75,000 for "open Party purposes," BART said that he visited the District Organizers in the aforesaid cities, and advised each as to the fund quota for his particular district. As regards the "Daily Worker" quota, BART stated, no District Organizer attempted to argue about the amount of the quota for which he would be responsible. With respect to the "open Party quota," no District Organizer was willing to guarantee obtaining the amount which BART had specified as the quota for the District Organizer's particular district.

The District Organizers declared they would be unable to secure the amounts required "for the open Party." If all raise what they finally agreed

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to accept as their quotas, the total sum to be obtained would be less than \$70,000. According to BART, the Party feels it will need at least 15 or 20 thousand dollars in addition to what is secured in the fund drive for the "open Party."

BART subsequently stated that the "Daily Worker" presently is in a "dangerous" financial situation. By the end of the current year, he said, the "Daily Worker" will face a deficit of \$200,000. There are day to day crises at the "Daily Worker" office and in the next few weeks, the said paper must raise \$25,000 to pay pressing creditors.

The present "Daily Worker" deficit, according to BART, is from three to four times as large as it was "in the old days." Whereas in 1950, the "Daily Worker" derived an income of \$35,000 from advertising, its income now from advertising is negligible.

BART hastened to add to this comment that the "Daily Worker" situation should not be construed to mean that the Party is not capable of raising large amounts of money "for serious emergencies." He stated that the Philadelphia District had raised \$100,000 for the Smith Act trials, and that Cleveland and Detroit had raised similarly large amounts for the same purpose. BART remarked "under pressure of trials, they can raise large amounts of money." BART stated that "work now is far better organized than when 'BETTY' (GANNETT) was in charge." He noted that "civil rights and bail fund matters are now being handled by BILL ALBERTSON."

According to BART, he had several other irritating problems as regards the Reserve Fund.

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He said he has donors who would be willing to contribute \$10,000 or \$20,000, but who are afraid to do so because they do not know how to conceal such a transfer of funds on their books. BART remarked that even STANLEY LEVISON has been unable to find a method of circumventing this problem.

As a second problem, BART mentioned that from time to time there is need to cash treasury bonds which are part of the Reserve Fund. He indicated that he regarded the cashing of such bonds as a security risk in that information concerning CP finances might be divulged to the Government by a bank with which the Party had no "confidential" contact.

BART then inquired whether NY 694-S had any "confidential" contact at a bank where, if need be, the informant "with security" could cash bonds. NY 694-S replied that he had such a contact, and that he should be willing to handle such an assignment for BART. (As a matter of fact, NY 694-S has no such banking contact, but felt that through the NYO such contact could be arranged).

BART did not inquire concerning the identity of the bank referred to by NY 694-S nor did he ask concerning the identity of the informant's contact at said bank. NY 694-S had anticipated such an inquiry and informed BART that he had a "secret contact" which he had used for years and which he preferred to remain "secret."

Another complaint of BART's was that "the Wall Street group," that in the past contributed \$20,000 a year to the Reserve Fund, now give only one-tenth of that amount to the said fund. The situation in

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Hollywood, according to BART, is serious. In the past, Hollywood contributed as much as \$25,000 in one donation to the Reserve Fund and at least two such donations were secured from "Hollywood" during the course of a year. Now "Hollywood's" contribution is negligible since the "writers" are scattered. In Mexico, ALBERT MALTZ, former Hollywood writer, "keeps the Americans together and collects dues from them for the Party."

BART stated that "owing to Government harrassment, and the political situation," Camp Unity has lost money during the past two years. The management of the camp has been changed in that KENNETH FRIEDMAN, who formerly operated Camp Wyandot, which no longer exists, is now manager of Camp Unity. The name of the camp will be changed to "Wingdale something or other," and it will cater to "a younger crowd." It will be more truly a vacation camp than was Camp Unity, in that such former practices as conducting open CP activities at the camp will be abandoned. In fact, the camp no longer will advertise in the "Daily Worker." To prevent NY State from acquiring control of the camp, a first mortgage on the camp, now held by the IWO, must be assigned to a new mortgagee.

The fact that NY State, through the State Supt. of Insurance, now controls IWO funds, constitutes a definite threat to the security of the camp. The income of the camp in the past approximated \$75,000 per year, 60% of which was given to the NYS, CP, and 40% to the CP national office.

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BART then stated that whereas in the past there was "control over donors, many of whom had no complete understanding of the political situation," now a large number of such donors are "lost." Some of them currently donate to the ALP, to the "National Guardian," and to other liberal organizations.

With reference to GEORGE MARSHALL, and FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, former important donors, BART said that these individuals are not giving one-tenth of what they gave in the past. Both have told the Party definitely that "they do not intend to go to jail again for the CP."

The informant noted that at no time did BART refer to present depositories of the CP Reserve Fund.

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5/3/55

JOHN J. KEARNEY, SA

"DAILY WORKER"

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On 4/15/55, NK 2010-S4, a source close to JACK KLING, national CP underground functionary, furnished photographic reproduction of documents then in the possession of KLING.

Attached for instant case file are seven pages of notes which apparently constitute a report on CP press circulation. It is believed that this report was delivered by KLING to an Organization Bureau meeting and was based on conversation with PHIL BART.

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- 1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING)(7-1)
- (1) - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-96985 (UNDERGROUND)(7-1)

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MARTHA STONE
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According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, on 3/7/55, MARTHA STONE contacted STEVE (believed to be STEVE NELSON) at Masses and Mainstream, and told him that since she had seen PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) she had a change of plan, and could now meet with them that night.

The informant indicated that PHIL was with STEVE at the time of the conversation. The informant further indicated that later that same day, the MARTHA recontacted STEVE and said she was forced to make a change in connection with their plans for that evening. He asked her to send him a message with whom ever she sent to see him.

She replied that the only thing she was concerned with was that "they didn't do good with him." He replied "you do it and I'll show you I make time."

1 - New Haven 100-	(MARTHA STONE)
2 - Pittsburgh	
(1-100-	(STEVE NELSON)
(1-100-	(COMPROS)
2 - New York	
(1-100-47211)	(STEVE NELSON) (#7-5)
(1-100-56579)	(PHIL BART) (#7-1)

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JOHN J. KEARNEY, SA

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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On 4/5/55, NK 2010-S*, a source close to JACK KLING, furnished a photographic reproduction of information then in the possession of KLING. KLING is described by informant as a CP functionary operating in the national underground.

At the time of contact with this informant, informant furnished photographic reproductions of a letter dated April 2 addressed to Dearest and signed Mona s. The letter was enclosed in an envelope marked for PHIL. It is believed that the Dearest refers to PHIL BART and the Mona s refers to CONSTANCE BART. The meet mentioned in this letter occurred at the Plaza Hotel in Jersey City, N.J., on 4/13/55. The individual mentioned as D. is identified as JACK KLING. The letter reads as follows:

"April 2nd.

"Dearest,

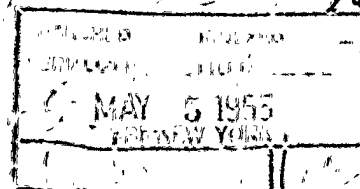
"It was good to get a few words from you even if all you said was to propose a change in plans. Which reminds me - it would not be a bad idea to write to each other, even though we are able to see and hear about each other more frequently than others do. Its good training too (if I must make it a political question.)

"Anyhow - on arrangements for getting together. I cannot make it on the week-end you propose, as I shall be out of town. Anyway, the reason we agreed upon the original time was at your suggestion because you would already have been 'purified.' So, I'm afraid it will have to be as originally agreed - the Wednesday nite that you finish with D. City will be the same as originally agreed.

"However, I would like to suggest the following method of contact. I will go to the Plaza Hotel (the big one) and register for both of us, so metime earlier in the day. You phono

- 1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART) (7-1)

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"me when you arrive, and I'll meet you at Bickfords for a cup of coffee, and we can go up together. If I have not heard from you by 11 o'clock I'll go down there in any case, and wait for a half hour. OK? If you arrive later, call me and get the room number and come up. Just ask for Mrs. LOU ROSEN of Stanford.

"I don't know if you will receive this before you meet with D. If you do, I would very much appreciate some literature. My source of supply is very unreliable at the moment. I don't even have March PA yet, not to mention the CIB bulletins etc.

"Life is a bit on the quiet side, but from what I gathered when I saw D. the other day, it will probably continue so for awhile. Evidently the future of a whole number of things is up in the air at the moment. Therefore we had no further discussion about my future assignment and probably will not until certain discussions have taken place. You undoubtedly know a lot more about this than I do, and can fill me in when I see you. Therefore I am learning how to compose my soul in peace and would like to set myself a goal of concrete study with some purpose in mind. Maybe you can help me decide what it should be.

"There is much that I should like to talk about on what is going on in the world. So prepare yourself for much talk and little sleep.

"How have you been feeling? Are you taking care of yourself, or running yourself ragged? As you have told me many times, we have a long time of this sort of life ahead, so don't try to use up all your reserve now.

"How are the folks, especially your 'landlady' and family? Give them all my love, and tell them that I shall see them one day - when of course we don't know, but it will happen.

"For you my dearest, all my love,

"/s/ Mona S

MEMO
NY 100-96985

5/5/55

"(It's true, in the Spring my thoughts do turn even more to love of you, even if I'm not a young man or woman.)

"Can you manage to stay over for Thursday night, too?
I will so arrange my schedule)"

Photographic reproduction of this letter is being
attached to the copy of this memo designated for the file of
CONSTANCE BART.

MAY 5, 1955

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

AIRTEL

PHILIP BART, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940. FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF OFFICES RECEIVING THIS AIRTEL, THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING PROSECUTION OF BART UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP PROVISION OF THE SMITH ACT AND HAS REQUESTED ADVICE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY COVERED IN REPORTS BY T SYMBOLS. THE BUREAU DESIRES EACH OFFICE RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS AIRTEL TO SUBAIRTEL BY MAY 11, 1955, THE FOLLOWING DATA CONCERNING THE INFORMANTS, SOURCES, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS LISTED FOR EACH OFFICE: (1) PHYSICAL AVAILABILITY, (2) KNOWN WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY, AND (3) EFFECT EXPOSURE OF CURRENT INFORMANTS WOULD HAVE ON SECURITY COVERAGE.

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NEW YORK:

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THE BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE THAT ANY CONTACTS BE HAD WITH ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AND NO EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THOSE WHOSE WHEREABOUTS IS UNKNOWN. BACKGROUND DATA IS NOT DESIRED AT THIS TIME BUT ANY OBVIOUS REASONS WHY ANY INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT BE WITNESSES SHOULD BE SET FORTH. COPIES OF THE AIRTELS REQUESTED FROM THE OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS AIRTEL SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO PHILADELPHIA.

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SAC, New York (100-96985) (7-1)

5/5/55

JOHN J. KEARNEY, SA

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
IS - C

On 4/4/55, NK 2010-Sa, a source close to JACK KLING, furnished photographic reproductions of information then in KLING's possession. KLING is identified as a national CP functionary operating in the underground, by this informant.

At the date of contact with this informant as described above, the informant furnished an undated note from T to DICK. The T is identified as IRVING HERMAN and DICK is identified as JACK KLING. In the course of this note T mentions PHIL, who is believed to be PHIL BART, one SPIVAK, whose identity is unknown, and BILL, whose identity is believed to be HAL SIMON.

This letter is quoted as follows:

"Dick

"Just a few reminders

"1. Don't forget to speak to Phil about him seeing Spivak on that matter we talked about.

"2. I plan to go out of town on Sat., Apr. 9 and should be back Apr. 20 or 21. If you have any message for me, send it along so I get before Apr. 9.

"3. Is Bill making any progress in getting the two fellows for procurement and thru then beginning to get some of our needs filled?

"-T."

Photographic reproduction of this letter is being attached to the copy of the memo for the case file of IRVING HERMAN.

1 - NY 100-82430 (IRVING HERMAN) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-28609 (HAL SIMON) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
1 - NY 100- (FNU SPIVAK) (7-6)

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579) (7-1)

DATE: 5/6/55

FROM : JOHN CHRISTENSEN, SA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C

According to NY 693-S*, PHIL, who is believed to be PHIL BART of the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, on 4/7/55 contacted ALAN MAX at The Daily Worker and inquired who was going to Washington between that day, 4/7/55 and Tuesday (4/12/55). ALAN said ABNER BERRY will go for Monday (4/11/55). PHIL said he will have something for him, and wants to see him before he leaves.

1 - NY 100-14859) (ALAN MAX) 12-14
1 - NY 100-24638 (ABNER BERRY) 12-16

JC: jc
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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579) (7-1)

DATE: 5/6/55

FROM : JOHN CHRISTENSEN, SA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C*not used*

According to NY 693-S*, SALLY (LNU) contacted PHIL, believed to be PHIL BART, at the National headquarters of the CP, USA, on 4/7/55 and asked PHIL if he had been contacted by MAC (LNU). SALLY also added that she had something for PHIL. PHIL stated that MAC had not contacted him. SALLY then commented that MAC probably tried to reach PHIL last night (4/6/55). PHIL replied that he wasn't around. SALLY advised PHIL that she had something that MAC had prepared for PHIL. PHIL said he will pick it up that day or the next.

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W. C. ...

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)(#7-1)

FROM : JAMES E. REILLY, SA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

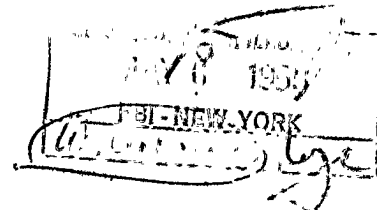
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According to NY 693-S*, on 3/7/55, an unidentified man, believed to be PHIL BART, contacted ANDY (believed to be ANDY REMES), to ask him to give a message to another person. ANDY agreed to talk to the person as she was at home at that time and the unidentified man asked ANDY to mention his name or she would not know what the message was about. According to the informant, ^{the} phone number of the woman was Spring 7-4526, which is registered in the Manhattan Telephone Directory to SARAH BERNSTEIN, 337 East 22nd Street, NYC.

The informant further advised that on that same day ANDY contacted the woman and told her that PHIL BART had asked him to get in touch with her. He stated he had a book which he would drop off at her place at apartment 3, 337 East 22nd Street.

- 1 - 100-14899 (ANDY REMES)(#7-5)
- 1 - 100-62329 (SARAH SCHERER)(#12-15)

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Airtel

New York, 5/10/55

Bureau

PHILIP BART
IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 5/5/55.

[redacted] physically available but unwilling to testify. He currently supplies valuable information re activities "Daily Worker" office and has been able to report on activities several Smith Act subjects and on emergence of several key figures from underground. His exposure would adversely affect security coverage these areas. During the years [redacted]

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[redacted] NY. physically available and willing to testify. [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York [redacted] 7-5
- 1 - New York [redacted] 7-5
- 1 - New York [redacted] 12-10
- 1 - Supervisor J.T. Neagle

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[] physically available and willing to testify. b7D
He furnishes valuable current information on CP activities
in Bronx. Exposure would adversely affect coverage that
area.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE 5-9-55

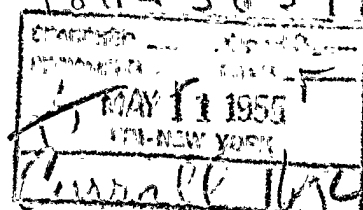
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY USA - ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following information should be
carefully handled when incorporated in a report
to protect the identity of the informant.

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- 1 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100-3-88 (CP - FACTIONALISM)
- 5 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-87221 (CP - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
 - 1 - 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - Newark (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)
- 7 - Detroit (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL UAW-CIO)
 - 1 - 100- (SOL WELLMAN)
 - 1 - 100- (CARL WINTER)
- 1 - A)134-46-999a
- 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
- 1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
- 1 - 100-3960 (BILL SENNETT)
- 1 - 100-26337 (JIM DURKIN)
- 1 - 100-11100 (HILLIARD ELLIS)
- 1 - 100-14161 (HELEN LOLICH)
- 1 - 100-26243 (PAUL LOLICH)



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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 2, 1955 a dictaphone memo belt, the transcription of which is located in Chicago file A)134-46-999.

Time, Type and Place of Meeting

Informant advised that a meeting of the District Board of District #8 of the Communist Party was held on Friday, April 29, 1955. It is noted that CG 5824-S orally advised SA KEATING on April 28, 1955 that this meeting would be held at the residence of HELEN and PAUL LOLICH, 1354 West 64th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Persons in Attendance at Meeting

Informant advised that in addition to himself the following members of the District Board, District #8, were in attendance at this meeting:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
MOLLIE WEST
SAM KUSHNER
BILL SENNETT
JIM DURKIN
HILLIARD ELLIS

Unofficial Report on the CP
National Meeting on Organization

CG 5824-S stated that before the actual District Board meeting started MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of District #8 of the CP gave an unofficial report on the National CP meeting on organization which was held in New York City during the week of April 24, 1955 and which was attended by WEST. This memo will deal only with this phase of the District Board meeting.

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WEST stated that the National meeting dealt mainly with organizational problems and that the report on this was given by PHIL BART. There were supplemental reports of a general nature dealing with political problems. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER gave a short report. MARTHA STONE also spoke and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stepped into the discussion and it is considered that he set the tone of the discussion since PHIL BART did not have the political authority to push the proposals through by himself. Furthermore, BART made the mistake of not preparing a written report and this caused further discussion and comment at the meeting.

Disagreements on Organizational
Proposals by Detroit

Informant's report reflects that there were some very fundamental disagreements expressed at this meeting by the Detroit District of the CP. SOL WELLMAN, representing this district, disagreed with the organizational proposals that were contained in BART's main report and in other reports.

The informant advised that the CP members in Detroit are influenced and led by CARL WINTER, who is of the opinion that we are now in the stage of Fascism in the United States and that for all intents and purposes the American CP is illegal and that there is no use for the CP to kid themselves about this state of affairs. The party leaders in Detroit are, therefore, in favor of putting most of the party, at least the hard core, into the underground and at the same time quickly setting up a new organization not to be known as the Communist Party and to be composed of persons such as Communist Party sympathizers with a few Party members sprinkled here and there.

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It is felt that, perhaps, this new organization could develop into a party such as MC MANUS of the "National Guardian" has indicated in his speeches and writings recently.

Opposition at Meeting to
Detroit Point of View

Informant's report reflects that most of the people present at this national meeting, including the leadership of the CP, came out against the view point of Detroit and against SOL WELLMAN. A heated discussion followed with everyone attacking WELLMAN. At this point CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stepped in and delivered a political speech based upon the Communist Party's analysis of the relation of forces and to what extent we do or do not have Fascism in this country at this time. LIGHTFOOT also cautioned against the type of discussion and polemics engaged in at this meeting. As a result the basis for the organizational proposals and the proposals suggested remained the same and are similar to those expressed by BART during his recent tour through the midwest. However, the leadership of the CP will take into consideration the special problems faced by Detroit since this district is composed mainly of shop workers. The national leadership will try to find some solution whereby most of the CP in Michigan will be engaged in a "legal" or open form of activity and at the same time give security and protection to the shop units.

Proposed Trip by LIGHTFOOT to Detroit

CG 5824-S advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT plans to go to Detroit, possibly during the week of May 8, 1955 in order to take up some of these organization questions as well as to make an effort to solve the rifts among the white and negro comrades particularly in the party organization in the Ford plants.

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SAC, New York (100-80398) #12-11

5/10/55

JOHN CHRISTENSEN, SA

JULIE LOWITT
SM - C

NY-693-S* reported on 4-13-55 that JULIE LOWITT was at
the CP headquarters on that date, 4/13/55.

Informant also advised that JULIE LOWITT contacted MEL
WILLIAMSON and asked for HERBIE, believed to be HERBIE HALIBOW.
MEL advised he is now making his report. JULIE told MEL that
he (JULIE) went to CP hdqtrs. to give PHIL, believed to be
PHIL BART, something but PHIL was out of town, and was expected
back tomorrow (4/14/55).

1 - NY 100-96833 (MEL WILLIAMSON) 12-11
1 - NY 100-83023 (HERBIE HALIBOW) 12-14
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 7-1

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE 5/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS - C

On 4/15/55 and 4/18/55, NK 2010-S*, a highly confidential source of the Newark Office, furnished a photographic copy of a memorandum concerning Organization, Concentration and Press, which was in the possession of JACK KLING, National CP Functionary operating in the Underground.

Information contained in the above memorandum is being set forth below for the Bureau and interested offices.

2 - Albany
(1 - 100-) (FNU GOODWIN)
1 - Buffalo
3 - Chicago
(1 - 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-) (MOLLIE LIEBER WEST)
3 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-) (GEORGE WATT)
(1 - 100-) (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
4 - Detroit
(1 - 100-) (NAT GANLEY)
(1 - 100-) (SAUL WELLMAN)
(1 - 100-) (BILLY LNU)
1 - Milwaukee
4 - Newark
(1 - 100-) (MARTHA STONE)
(1 - 100-) (JOHN STEUBEN)
(1 - 100-) (JACK KLINE)
2 - New Haven
(1 - 100-) (SID TAYLOR)
3 - Philadelphia
(1 - 100-) (JOSEPH KUZMA)...)
(1 - 100-) (JOSEPH ROBERTS)
2 - Pittsburgh
(1 - 100-) (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
1 - San Francisco
1 - NY 100-71560 (CP, USA, FUNDS) (#7-1)
1 - NY 100-26603-C (CP, USA, - DISTRICT #2 - NY COUNTY -
HARLEM REGION) (#12-14)

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NY 100-80641

It is noted that the complete name of several individuals mentioned in the memorandum is omitted. The following are set forth as possibly identical:

PHIL	(PHIL BART)
DICK	(JACK KLING)
NELLIE	(LEON NELSON)
ANDY	(ANDY REMES or ANDY ONDA)
MAC	(MAC GORDON)
KUZMA	(JOE KUZMA)
RUTH (Jersey)	(RUTH FISHER or MARTHA STONE)
MOLLIE	(MOLLIE LIEBER WEST)
VINCE (from Ohio)	(VINCE PIERI)
BOB	(BOB APPEL)
RENA K	(RENA KLEIN)
GEO	(GEORGE WATT)
NAT	(NAT GANLEY)
SOLLY	(SAUL WELLMAN)
JACK	(BENJAMIN DVOSIN)
CLAUDE	(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
MARTHA	(MARTHA STONE)

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1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION)(#12-14)
1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)(#12-14)
1 - NY 100-95158 ("MARCH OF LABOR")(#7-2)
1 - NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")(#7-2)
1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA - DISTRICT #2)(#12-14)
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1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)(#12-14)
1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA)(#12-14)
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1 - NY 100-19249 (JACK KLING)(#7-1)
1 - NY 100-63755 (LEON NELSON)(#7-5)
1 - NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON)(#12-16)
1 - NY 100-50824 (RENA KLEIN)(#7-1)
1 - NY 100-79967 (BENJAMIN DVOSIN)(#7-1)
1 - NY 100-34462 (ESTHER LETZ GOLDBERG)(#12-9)

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KRCHMK	(ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
ROBERTS	(JOE ROBERTS)
BILLY (of Michigan)	(WILLIAM ALLAN)
SID	(SID TAYLOR)
STEUBEN	(JOHN STEUBEN)
ESTHER	(ESTHER LETZ)

"PHIL, as follows: Organization P.1

"1. 1/3 of Membership have not paid dues for 1954, in
N.Y.

"The political conclusions drawn have been to maintain the status quo. This is defeated. Goal should be to have membership equal that of a year ago. Retreat has been so far that small gains are overemphasized and accommodation to downward adjustment. Must get away from idea small membership means solid base reached. No struggle to retain unpaid 1/3 as members.

"Fight on concept of what kind of organization we will have today; takes sharp form in N.Y. Party can still operate but must determine form.

"Best situation in Calif. '54 membership equals '52 and '53. Reasons: Calif only district where had open continuity of leadership. Org. best in country. Daily newspaper. Lit. better than N.Y. Educ. better. Fight waged to continue positions established by Party. Conscious appreciation of organization as means of carrying thru policy. (Illinois now clearer on this)

"2. Involving membership into line of Party (mass
movements)

"Illinois reports majority of members in rt. wing Orgs. In N.Y. not true; one Harlem section reports 25% involved.

"Great unclarity & difference of opinion re policy. Too much 'flexibility'. Changes made without

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"discussion: (a) Clubs merged into units of 12 & 15 in order to release personnel for mass work. I believe this not good. (b) Parallel concealed form set up in Jersey. Fundamental changes projected in Michigan, but not to go into effect till discussed.

"In projecting line mainly towards dominant mass movements (rt. wg.), must guard against shifting line as affects party organization (left sect to rt. oppos). Main stress has been put on getting into orgs. instead of carrying thru policy. Independent role of left not sufficiently realized. Role of middle class stressed to point of leaving role of workers to people who distort line.

"Problems facing general membership:

"(a) What the Party can do. Party is legal but compelled to operate with less legal forms.

"(b) Working in mass orgs when known as Communists

"(c) Role of broad leadership of Party.

"Developing system of work for open activity & also minimum security (this affects bulk of Party.)

"Uniform answer needed. Confidence of members affected by shifting from day to day.

"3. Towns Near Large Cities

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" How does exposed group create connections in plant so as not to expose new forces? Must have new forms. Colonization secondary. Question of contacts with persons at different levels. Situation of members in independent unions now changed with merger need (a) guarantee of Security; (2) being shown how to work.

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"4. Cadre Policy Form of training cadre. Have almost eliminated Education. Sharpest ideological influences & much unclarity (note: on changes in S.U.).

"Wide gap between leadership & education. Program needed in light of needs & training of Party. Cannot divorce this from people involved in activity leadership. Persons in industry best equipped to give such Educ

"(In Calif. persons in leadership of group conduct classes with that body. Once every 3 months, leaders of groups meet for discussion.)

"1. Ideological training of cadre

"2. Tackling ideological problems with membership

"DICK

Suggests this be preliminary exan.

"Must make estimate What is Party Status?
Study should begin with 1951 jailings.

"4

"What were aims of bourgeoisie?

"1) isolate P. from working class, Negro people, etc.

"2) Create atmosphere of intimidation resulting in loss of membership, isolation.

"3) Decapitation.

"To large extent successful, the Party stood up heroically with new forces taking leadership at all levels, etc.

"Conflicting estimates & policies till ROCKMAN report. Leadership united behind this; line unified.

"Need to reorient Party to re-establish ties with masses

"Feels isolation trend arrested & reversal begun (UAW, Fin-Pkg-Butchers).

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"Must examine rt. & left manifestations shown in fight for party org. last few years. Mostly right tendency to liquidationism, showing deep misunderstanding of role of CP (closing of offices, surrendering of public role of Party. New methods not devised.) Was creation of concealed sector in '51 a mistake? Did this feed liquidationism? Study of Calif.

"Some Wrong conclusions drawn resulting in (1) Isolation of top leadership from membership. Grew out of erroneous concept of security. Shop org. deeply affected. (2) Collective leadership done away with in part. Decisions by people divorced from masses. (3) Too slow in recognizing changes & opportunities, particularly in org.

"Roots before 1951. Estimated imminent illegalization of P. Registrations in defeatist manner with 20% goal. Effected more rapid blows. On contrary, second "level" Smith convictions out 3 years after trial. Left sectarian errors (1) in Harlem undermined coalition; (2) trade union Policies too slow; (3) in left centers.

"Status of Party Today - How Moving?

"Any basic differences to be ironed out by common estimate. Such estimate to consider following:

"1) What are possibilities for greater fight on legality? Probability of illegality under Mc Carran Act.

"2) If such estimate is reached, must fight to the end for legality. Forms & price to be spelled out.

"3) Mass of membership must begin operating in illegal manner now. In messages, etc. (Do not rely on mails for subs.; getting bulk of membership to distribute May Day leaflets in new way, etc.)

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"Select points of study, for a discussion to
determine form & structure of Party in field of organization.

"Suggest following:

"1. Concentration.

"2. Status in working class & Negro communities

"3. " & form of org. in bourgeois & rt.
led orgs.

"4. Cadre

"5. Press (lit. also)

"6. Small industrial towns.

"Uniform problems: Transfers, readmissions, dues,
uniform approach on registration

"Other problems:

"(a) Top Party leadership separated from trade
union and mass movements. Don't have agreement with leaders
in T.V., etc.

"(b) Mobility of Party. Gaps between formulation
of policy and action. Distortions & low participation.
Shortened by illegal forms now needed.

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"Future Perspectives - Struggle re: left & right.
Dialectical process 1) What P. does, 2) What enemy does.
Work out careful program for discussion thruout Party.
Must find forms for mobilization, etc.

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"National Conference - not too far away.

"Bulletin to discuss Party Affairs - Consider section in P.A. on Party organization.

Besides concentration in shops, should have open avenues of progressivism-forums, etc.

"Must consider 1) Type of Organization Commission, 2) Personnel. Following to be presented to Adm. Com.:

"A. Character & Personnel.

"B. Policy of Quarterly Meetings of Org. Sec., Eastern Seaboard & Mid West:

Commission of 13 to 15

Small working Committee of 5, to meet weekly: PHIL, NELLIE, ANDY, MAC, someone from Harlem.

10 more: KUZMA, RUTH (Jersey)
1 Negro, 1 trade unionist (railroad guy), MOLLIE, 1 from Ohio (possibly VINCE), BOB

"NOTE: Add more with contact with bottom. Shop guy. Dr. from Schenectady. Possibly GOODWIN. Suggest RENA K. Question largeness of Commission.

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"Concentration

"Presents following for discussion by Phil & New Org Com.:

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"Study should start with developments & problems in Labor. Then: What is essence of concentration policy?

"Start with estimate of Merger. Tremendous potentialities for political action. First time since 1936, overwhelming majority of org. labor in one org., tho independent unions not yet included.

"1st question: Is there common estimate of importance of merger? Some differences. Some feeling merger fostered by Big Business to control radicalization of workers. Feel untrue. Business fears political strength of 15,000,000 organized. That was dominant expression. Merger does not stem from desires of Big Bus.

"2nd: See new opportunities, as well as new problems, in balanced way. Positive & negative.

"Positive: a) 15,000,000 united.
b) If properly utilized, potentiality is present to lead to genuine drive to org. South for first time.
c) Opportunity to bring Negro question within whole Labor movement & break thru Jim Crow, with new inroads in South particularly.
d) Opportunity to organize millions of unorganized - even majority of working class.
e) Independent political action.

"Labor movement & merger do not guarantee above. Potentialities must be realized. Role of party essential.

"Problems: Reformist leadership as agents of bourgeoisie in foreign affairs for winning working class to

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" policy. Also, AFL leadership & appeal to German unions re rearmament. However, note differences. CIO has asked for trade with Soviet Union.

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"Domestic - UAW agreement re wage cuts. IUE wage cuts & Otis. Hatmakers loans to keep management in business.

"However, must differentiate in leadership. GORMAN &.. QUILL different from MEANY for instance. (Note also, QUILL'S contribution re Negro question.)

"Examine need to create "democratic current" not only "left current". GORMAN, QUILL, HELSTEIN might be used to create movement on broader democratic questions. Also, give thought to left coalition (see Ford 600)

"Question: Should fight be made from outset to guarantee Negroes in leadership of new Executive Board? Constitution now being set up. Set-up of top bodies guarantees no Negroes except RANDOLPH on lower level.

"Thus, above developments should be starting point for concentration discussion. Once unified estimate is reached, consider:

I. Which will be industries for concentration?

"Which are Key & decisive? (a) Importance of industry, how it will influence whole labor movement. (b) Our own relative strength. Consider:

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| "1. Auto | 3. Packing (Butchers - Pkg.) |
| "2. Steel | 4. Teamsters, IAM. Textile -
South (not Nat'l). |

"Packing - Butchers could play significant role in AFL re Negroes org. in South, together with UAW.

"II. Once selected, how to unfold concentration policy?

"If Admin. Com. agrees on Auto, suggest meetings with LEO, NAT, SOLLY, PHIL. Not to discuss whole

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"concentration policy, but events in UAW. On basis of convention, what can constitute basis of concentration policy? What should be its essence? If select GM & Ford, which of their factories are decisive to make a breakthrough in? In GM, which 4 or 5? In Ford, which 1, 2 or 3? Believe Flint is key. Which main plants in Flint? Believe GM in Indiana important. Which in Illinois? Of Ford, Rouge, Cleveland & others. Select 5-6-7 plants.

"Discuss Essence of Concentration Pol. in these Plants

"What are our political objectives? (Disc after Convention)

"Who are the key people for the Selected Plants today?

"Consider holding Party Conference: The main people in the selected shops; head of UAW Com., head of T.V. Com & Phil. Conference to examine aims, objectives, policies. Then examine: Do we need forces to strengthen these plants? To colonize? How will we make our voices heard in plants? What will be form of constant check up, in addition to checking with States? What will be form of control of concentration by the Nat'l Org. and UAW Com.?

"Need to spell out, industry by industry, district by dist., what concentration policy means. Should be joint undertaking of T.V. Com. & Org Com. Both Commissions should consider part of their job to strengthen the party to carry out its role.

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"Should also examine above with different people from different industries.

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"Discuss how our people work in shops. How do we work with them. For instance, problem of UAW constitution saying Communists can't run for office, can't be appointed.

"PHIL:

Have 2 problems re concentration:

"1. Overall relationship of certain unions & alignments that will take place in these unions & role of Progressive forces in these unions.

"2. Particular tasks as related to a particular company, particular city of that company, particular shop.

"Re GM - largest numbers of workers, most influential. New development: FE has very important left force. Examine combination of left in GM & FE. Could be factor in alliance with others, Ford, for instance..

"In Auto, must consider special plants as key to development of rank & file. Also, consider other sections of labor where positions have been taken which make it possible to influence re-alignments within unions. UAW Exec was ready to adopt position re China in opposition to Adm. Not done because merger talks then on.

"We had formulated position that Merged Labor Unions as a whole would be to left of AFL leadership. JACK warned against such characterization generally; changes will affect all.

"Relationship of Whole Party to Concentration: Concept must be created where every member should see his relationship to this task. Suggests article.

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"Ideological Influence of Workers Concentration on What becomes of workers who have been with left?
Must not just drop them. Part of molding ideological left must find forms for keeping in contact. Questions abandonment of MOL.

"Suggests Teamsters or Machinists for concentration, CIO & AFL.

"HOW TO CARRY THRU:

"Need steel meeting. Trade union and org. forces examine overall national program. Then regional meetings. (Auto also, etc.)

"DICK: I. Recommend meeting of either Secretariat, with NAT invited, or meeting of CLAUDE, MARTHA, GEO., PHIL, NAT, possibly KRCHMK & SOLLY. Examine approach of concentration policy - essence, which industries. I agree on Auto, Steel, Pkg., Teamsters. Need more discussion on Machinists.

"Selection of 5 or 6 for concentration, but regionally are not restricted to these. On Eastern Seaboard consider Textile in South; ILGWU elsewhere.

"II. Discuss how to implement concentration policy, industry^{by} industry. Suggest Commissions in each industry, as in Auto. Consider if members of Org. Com. should be members of Indus. Com. Policy of struggle.

"Re MOL. Ideological leadership very important.

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"Need left guide in Auto, Steel, Packing, FD, ILGWN. But MOL too restricted. Basic support from Mine Mill, ILWN, Fur, Armour in Chicago. Probable liquidation of such support under new conditions, leadership will not be able to promote.

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"Had decided to liquidate MOL. Need instrument to meet void & must realize most satisfactory one will not be created for 5-6 months. Most satisfactory vehicle would have to come from labor movement itself (similar to development in TUEL period). Might consider Guardian, possibly adding 2 pages of labor news by STEUBEN.

"PHIL: We are proposing MOL continue till end of year. STEUBEN & ESTHER working on documents re new editorial & financial policies. After few months can review what to do. Believe MOL people & others would object to adopting middle class Guardian. MOL has prestige with working class readership. Have told them will not increase budget. Propose re-examine question about August.

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"PHIL: Main source of circulation was subs. Hence, drop was to be expected because of intimidations. Could have been maintained only with struggle for understanding of role of paper. However, educ. dropped. Circ. depends upon ideological struggle & mobilization of Party. Membership has not seen paper as necessary instrument. Newstands not the answer.

" <u>Circulation of Paper</u>	<u>Jan. 1949</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
	81,500	28,000	22,500

" <u>Press Run</u>	<u>12/5/54</u>	25,000	<u>1/2/55</u>	23,000	<u>1/3/55</u>	25,000
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"Sunday Worker

" <u>Illinois:</u>	<u>Mich.</u>	<u>Ohio</u> <u>(Ohio edition)</u>
1949 - 3,100	1949 - 4400	1949 - 5200
1954 - 2,500	54 - 1300	1954 - 700
1955 - 2,500	55 - 1200	1955 - 600

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<u>"Eastern Pa.</u>	<u>Jersey</u>	<u>N.Y.</u>
1949 - 3600 (subs &	1949 - 4400	1949 - 42,000 (Total)
1954 - 965 bundles equal)	1954 - 1500	1954 - 14,700
1955 - 950	1955 - 1400	1955 - 11,000

"Daily: N.Y. base of circulation. Campaign began 1/1/55, goal of 2500 subs nationally. By 2/1, only 600 achieved. Bklyn hit 25% (100 of 400). Following are results as of 2/1/55:

Ill.	goal 200.....	50 reached
Mich.	" 100.....	22 "
Ohio	" 100.....	17 "
N.Y. State	" 1100.....	289 "
Nationally (except NY State)"	1400.....	328 "

"By 2/15/55: N.Y. reached 500. Rest of country, also 500.

"Conference held last week of Feb., preceded by meeting of DO's - from New England to Md. Opened with discussion of fighting for paper. ROBERTS emphasized problems of how to involve membership and

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"how to guarantee paper reaching membership. SENNET criticized contents but decided that not the basic problem.

"Broad conference 3 wks. later, attended by 60 people. Mid. West (all), Wisc., Ill., BILLY of Mich., Ohio with 4 or 5, Phila. about 12, MOLLY of Chi., New England present, N.Y. all counties, 1 from Buffalo, 1 from lower state, also half of staff. W. Pa. absent. MARTHA summarized DO meeting. MOLLY objected to quotas, areas that did good job last year got high

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"quotas. Quotas in industrial areas too low; cannot give direction with this concept of circulation. Proposed achievement of 75% of goals by 3/1 (when GENE, etc., come home), 100% by 3/15 (2 weeks extension of drive). Good atmosphere at conference. But afterwards, nothing happened.

"Conn. (goal 300, reached 100. Feels goal too low.) SID says problem is reaching all towns & giving leadership. Some places, because of fear only one person receiving bundle. In other towns, no such person. Need new forms. Considering JOE & SID to visit these towns.

"Eastern Pa. (goal 400, reached 200. Goal too low.) Circulation mostly in big city. Question of org & functioning of Party. Not worked out how membership shall work in mass orgs.

"A Big problem is diversion from Press by other activities. Note, CLAUDE'S fight; registration. BCB says promised 100% by 3/1, but faced with Fund Drive. Problem is not new ideas, but continued struggles. Ideas not carried thru.

"Paper on deficit of \$3500 - 400 weekly. DW has made cuts. Will try get Freiheit to pay more. Debt of \$35,000. Taxes not paid, paper not paid, rent not paid. Money question not sufficiently talked about.

"DICK Methods will have to vary in different communities.

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"What do we mean in saying paper is indispensable (doubts among some). Is it important to maintain daily & weekly? What would happen if discontinued? Ideol. indispensability; pressure from bourgeoisie, Soc. Dems., renegades trying to establish hegemony over left; 80% of Party members & allies read Post.

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"(a) Must have real conviction paper is arm of Party to ideologically equip membership on line of Party. Even party club not as effective an instrument, can have only one educational at meeting before going to tasks. Also well over 50% of clubs do not meet. What happens if we eliminate paper? (LENIN considered first duty to build Iskra).

"(B) When clarity on indispensability, what are next steps? (Limiting to N.Y.). Problems are

"1) How to get this concept to Party leadership in N.Y. in clearist possible manner (county & section leadership).

"2) When this is done, how to mobilize Party to reach every member & allies with W. & D.W.?

"Party organization must become chief instrument for promoting, building & distributing paper.
Must not rely on postoffice & newsstand.

"Believe there is no more important task for County Chairmen, S.O.'s & club chairmen than to reach club members with W. & D.W.; the paper is a precondition for reaching them with line of party.

"a) Start with clubs that meet. Chairman makes list of those who get it & ALP sympathizers, etc. & try to extend list. Then approach members of clubs that do not meet to get paper to people who don't take it. Most effective way to reach clubs that do not meet is with paper. If club chairman cannot receive paper, work out stations
(2) Institute weekly Section Committee meetings to check up on how many copies each club distributes.

"Proper cadre needed to fulfill policy. Type of leadership on top will set example for type selected on

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" bodies. Need person of prestige, authority, experience. I suggest JACK. Will symbolize importance Party attaches to task.

"PHIL: Problem is not a technical one but primarily a political & ideological one. (Do not minimize need for technical forms.) Circulation has not been considered a major task of leadership.

"Opposes JACK'S (NY) concept of circulation. Would result in artificial increase for short time & would soon collapse. Correct for JACK to come in but not as "90 day wonder;" must be on sound basis, build up circulation, stabilize readership. Must go in with struggle to create political & ideol. understanding. JACK would have to go into ranks to bring this.

"Question of how to be active in mass org & still circulate press. Must make fight for whole change in policy of club, section etc; otherwise, will be a quickie & solve nothing.

"DICK Agree on ideological problem. Need critical appraisal by Party leadership & component parts on indispensability of paper. Leading committees must arrive at recognition of indispensability. Should involve even editors with State Committee. Recognition must be from top to bottom. Such recognition will come in constant process of discussing how paper is used in struggles, on issues, etc., rather than in one discussion.

"Simultaneously with political recognition, must work out techniques & personnel. Otherwise, discussion will be meaningless.

"Maintain most important instrument is club: Every Club has a chairman, whose most important job is to

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"give leadership to club. Most effective medium to give leadership is thru the paper. Methods in clubs will vary. In clubs that don't meet, chairman could start with 3 or 4. Members who don't attend clubs might be able to take 2,3 or 4 & extend it. Contends this would not conflict with Chairman's main assignment.

"PHIL Believe the first struggle should be with top leadership. Win that struggle before going to CO's.

"DICK Of course this must be attacked. If the leadership protests against this method, will this not provide a method of winning over the leadership?

"I don't say my proposals constitute the answer for N.Y. Let people come up in a discussion with better proposals. Let them argue & modify our proposals.

"I have questions regarding the whole drive. The heart of building the paper is the role of the Party organization. Leadership should recognize that the main form is not subs but the Party org. handling bundles, subs., etc. We are in for a blow if we don't come to that realization soon. The postoffice is discussing barring the paper from the mail. The Party has to be trained now to get the paper to members & sympathizers. I agree that a condition of doing that is the role of leadership to fight it thru.

"Must have report for O.B. Propose instead of my making it, you have responsibility. If your Secretariat report is not complete, use it as a basis for a written report to the O.B. which can be handed to the Adm. Com. In discussion, I can let you know any of my points of disagreement or emphasis, including your thinking on N.Y. and nationally.

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"Fund Drive

"Goal doesn't leave sufficient margin; should be \$190,000. Soem protests on quotas.

"Literature

"Making fight on literature, particularly ideological.

"Having Lit. Conf. of Eastern Seaboard; another of Mid West.

"Many new titles coming out. Wilkerson pamphlet on desegregation;; MORRIS on Labor Unity; BURTON on economic crisis; one of Co-Existence. MOLOTOV'S speech coming out. Also, Soviet report on HEARST'S visit. China pamphlet being revised.

"FOSTER'S book on Negroes not moving.

"Excellent success on sale. Figures include bookshops:

"NY	Calif	Ill	Ohio	Mich	W. Pa	E. Pa
\$685	\$1385	437	215	144	2100	233

"Sold 1200 packages - 25¢. For workers. Included: Manifesto, Socialism Utop & Scien., Ideas They Cannot Jail)

"575 sets of 10 classics"

In the event the above is used in a report or as the source of other investigation, care should be taken to prevent the disclosure of NK 2010-S*, a highly confidential source of information.

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NY, NY

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CHICAGO

PHILIP BART, WAS; IS-C, SA-40.

FRANK S. MEYER, potential witness in prosecution^{vs}
action contemplated against subject.

See memo to SAC, Chicago, from SA [redacted]
3/17/55, re CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT; IS - C. Memo reflects [redacted]
heard unidentified individual mention on 2/2/55 that FRANK MEYER
had lied on witness stand in LIGHTFOOT Case in stating he went
to Mexico with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT by special route. Unidentified
individual claimed LIGHTFOOT's passport shows he went by different
route and did not travel with MEYER, but rather met him in
Mexico. b6
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Chicago review testimony in LIGHTFOOT Case and
advise whether anything in testimony to discredit or substantiate
info from unidentified individual as relayed by [redacted]
Specifically advise whether MEYER testified to having taken
any trips outside of US and if so, supply all details.

Expedite.

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2-CHICAGO (REGISTERED)

1-NY 100-78539 (FRANK S. MEYER) (47-4)

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SAC New York (100-66211)

MARTHA STONE
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According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) contacted MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) on 4/8/55 and told her there is a wire for her from BILL SCHNEIDERMAN to the effect: "Awaiting reply on speaker."

Informant advised that MARTHA stated she could not get permission to go and that is why she can't be in "L.A." She stated that she could not get SI (believed to be SI GERSON) and "they don't want just anybody," and that SCHNEIDERMAN had made two proposals. MARTHA told PHIL that JEAN (last name not identified by the informant) will be in that morning. According to the informant, PHIL will have JEAN send a wire to BILL SCHNEIDERMAN telling him that MARTHA could not get permission to go. MARTHA told PHIL that it is a big expense and if there is something they want, then CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) will be able to follow it up when he's down there.

Informant indicated that PHIL contacted MARTHA at Paterson, N.J., Army 4-5914.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - New Haven (100-14795) - MARTHA STONE - (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN) - (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) - (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (COMPRO) - (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-9679 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-13473 (SI GERSON) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 65-1442 (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN)
- 1 - NY 100-9669 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)

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BUREAU (100-3284) (REGISTERED MAIL)
(NEW YORK) (100-56579) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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[] is physically available, but refuses to testify. Disclosure would seriously impair the security coverage of Philadelphia Office. Has stated if forced to testify []

[] is physically available. Information re willingness or unwillingness to testify unavailable. Disclosure would have no effect on security coverage. This former informant was not completely trusted and can never be properly controlled.

[] is physically available and unwilling to testify. Disclosure would have no effect on current security coverage.

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[] is physically available and unwilling to testify. Disclosure would not impair security coverage.

[] believed physically available. No info available re willingness or unwillingness to testify. Disclosure would not impair security coverage. As of 12/15/51 []

[] is physically available and unwilling to testify. Disclosure would seriously impair informant coverage [] CO, FBI.

[] is physically available and will not testify under any circumstances. His disclosure would not impair security coverage. [] is emotionally unstable.

[] is physically available and indecisive relative to willingness to testify. Disclosure would have no effect on security coverage. She testified before []

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[] is physically available and no information available re willingness or unwillingness to testify. Disclosure now would not affect security coverage. Discontinued informant due to []

[] is physically available and willing to testify with the qualification that a representative of Philadelphia Office explain the necessity of his utilization as a witness to []

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[] is physically available and no info available re willingness or unwillingness to testify. Her disclosure will not impair security coverage.

[] is physically available and indicated unwillingness to testify. Her disclosure would have no effect on security coverage.

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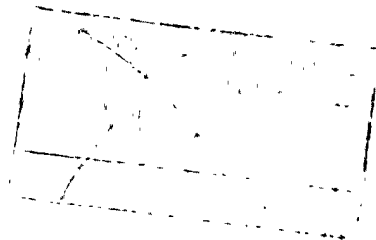
[] is physically available and was willing to testify as of 1/30/53. His disclosure will have no effect on security coverage.

[] is physically available. There is no indication in file re willingness or otherwise concerning testifying. Disclosure this individual would have no effect on security coverage.

For info New York (oo), Los Angeles requested to furnish Bureau desired info re [] who is [] Boston was requested to furnish same info re [] by airtels dated 5/9/55.

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NEW YORK 11 NEWARK 2 FROM WASH DC 9 10-45 PM

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COMPROS-CLEVELAND, IS - C. DEPARTMENT ADVISED BUREAU MAY SEVEN,
LAST THAT CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO SECURING SUPERSEEDING
SMITH ACT CONSPIRACY INDICTMENT INCLUDING ELEVEN CURRENT
DEFENDENTS AND ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING CP LEADERS, ANDREW
REMES, JOSEPH SOKOL, MICHAEL DAVIDOW, PHIL BART AND HYMAN LUMER.
DEPARTMENT INQUIRED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FOLLOWING ACTIVE
INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO TESTIFY TO OVERT ACTS COMMITTED
DURING RECENT YEARS BY ELEVEN CURRENT DEFENDENTS. CLEVELAND
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CINCINNATI OFFICE- [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-14899 (ANDREW REMES) (7-5)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
1 - 100-56 (MICHAEL DAVIDOW) (7-1)
1 - 100-96676 (JOSEPH SOKOL) (7-5)
1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (7-5)

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HAVE ON SECURITY COVERAGE. FOUR - ANY FACTORS WHICH MIGHT
REFLECT ON CREDIBILITY. PERSONAL CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS
AND SOURCES NOT DESIRED. CV AND NY ALSO INCLUDE INFO AS TO
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF REMES, SOKOL, DAVIDOW, BART AND LUMER. 1

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SAC, Chicago

5/12/55

SAC, New York (100-98699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
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According to NY 693-SW, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP National headquarters, 258 Seventh Avenue, New York City, PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) on the evening of April 6, 1955 contacted BERNIE (believed to be BERNIE FRIEDLANDER) at CP headquarters and asked if anyone was waiting for him there. BERNIE replied that he is one of the people waiting for him.

Informant advised that PHIL thereafter contacted CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) at CP headquarters. CLAUDE advised PHIL that he needed some money, at least "a couple of hundred bucks which will be returned." PHIL then told CLAUDE that WOPSY (believed to be LEADORE WOPSY) is on his way over to CP headquarters.

According to the informant, at the time PHIL contacted CLAUDE, CLAUDE explained he was at a meeting with MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) at CP headquarters. If it is necessary to disseminate this info., care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

RM

- 1 - Chicago (100-) (CONFID) - (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-3974) (MARTHA STONE) - (RM)
- 1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) - (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-122062 (BERNIE FRIEDLANDER) (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (LEADORE WOPSY) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-74960 (CP, USA - FUNDS) (#7-1)

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SAC, New York (100-19249)(7-1)

JAMES J. KEARNEY

JACK KLING
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On 3/31/55, NK 2010-S* made available a letter from DICK (JACK KLING) to PHIL (PHIL BART) arranging a meet for 6:30 p.m., alternate 7:00 p.m., on 4/11/55, outside a movie house on Fordham Rd. and Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY. This meet was covered by NY Office and a fixed plant, three automobiles, and 14 Agents, utilized. *Used*

At 6:15 p.m. on above date, KLING was observed walking to the meet area from the direction of Grand Concourse. At 6:28 p.m. KLING and BART made the meet at the appointed place and then walked East along Fordham Rd. to the Lido Restaurant on Kingsbridge Rd., just off Fordham Rd.

They dined and then proceeded on foot to Kingsbridge Rd. and Grand Concourse, where they took the 8th Ave. line of the IND subway to the last stop, 205th St. and Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, NY. At this intersection, after leaving the subway, they flagged a cab and continued surveillance with security could not be continued.

The cab license #020-484 is owned by the Terminal System, 297 East 137th St., Bronx, NY. The driver was determined to be [redacted] Bronx, NY, and he was contacted on 4/12/55.

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He recollected the two fares, (KLING and BART), and stated he drove them to the intersection of 175th St. and Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY. He stated he remembered them well as they spent the entire trip in an animated, but whispered, conversation. He stated he could not determine the nature of the conversation. He stated that they did not act as if they thought they were followed.

- 1 - New York (100-96985)(CP, USA UNDERGROUND)(7-1)
- ① - New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(7-1)

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The immediate area where KLING and BART left the cab is heavily infiltrated with CP members and SI subjects. As the information furnished by NK 2010-S* indicated that the meeting will terminate on 4/13/55, arrangements have been made to give adequate coverage to this area on this date.

Air-Tel
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FBI, CHICAGO (100-18953) MAY 13, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)(AIR MAIL REGISTERED)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION, IS - C.

The following information should be carefully handled to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 12, 1955 that he had learned on that date that PHIL BART, a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party, will be in Chicago for a Midwest Conference of the Communist Party District Organizers scheduled for the week end of May 21-22, 1955 in Chicago. LIGHTFOOT told the informant that the informant is supposed to meet with PHIL BART and ART HAENDLE in Chicago prior to this conference in order to discuss the agenda for the conference, and at the same time to discuss HAENDLE's future position in the Communist Party. The Bureau and interested offices will be advised of the results of the informant's conference with BART and HAENDLE.

HOSTETTER

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② - New York (Registered)
100-80641 (COMMUNIST PARTY - ORGANIZATION)
100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1 - Indianapolis (AM)(Registered)
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1 - Kansas City (AM)(Registered)
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According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, NYC, on 3/21/55 HERBERT APFHEKER contacted a woman (believed to be ELVA LANNON) at CP Headquarters and asked for MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE). As MARTHA was not available, he left a message stating that he had been expecting to be given an article for P.A. that morning but had not received it as yet. He asked for PHIL BART who was also not available.

The informant further advised that PHIL contacted MARTHA at Armory 4-5914 in Paterson, NJ, and she stated that she would be unable to see him that day because her child had the measles. She told him that GEORGE (believed to be GEORGE WATT) was coming out that night, and she made arrangements to meet with PHIL the following morning.

The informant advised, in addition, that on that same day SID TAYLOR from Connecticut contacted ELVA and left a message for PHIL BART. He canceled an appointment with PHIL at 5 o'clock that evening and stated that he would come instead on Thursday (presumably 3/24/55) and would like to see PHIL on Thursday night or Friday. The informant advised that later that same day PHIL contacted SID TAYLOR at Fulton 7-4938 in New Haven and told him that he had received his message. He told SID that he would try to see him on the following Thursday, but if he was unable to he would leave a note for SID.

The informant further advised that PHIL was also in contact with [redacted] and ANDY (believed to be [redacted]) at Newins 8-2308 and made arrangements to meet with ANDY for half an hour on the next day.

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- 1 - New Haven (100-4790) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-89532 (HERBERT APFHEKER) (12-11)
- 1 - NY 100-54012 (ELVA LANNON) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-97770 [redacted] (12-11)

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- 1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDY REMES) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-97167 (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (7-2)

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5/13/55, NY, NY

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CP STRATEGY ~~IND~~ INDUSTRY, IS DASH C. NY ONE FOUR SEVEN
FIVE DASH S* INFORMED ON MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE
THAT PHIL BART, GEORGE WATT AND AL BLUMBERG MET AT NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS, CP, USA, THIS DATE AND DISCUSSED THE MERGER
OF THE AFL AND CIO AND THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. BART SAID
THAT "WE" DISCUSSED THIS CONSTITUTION AT THE "CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION" AND IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR
A DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN OUR TACTICAL APPROACH AND THE
THEORETICAL APPROACH TO THIS " BASIC LABOR MOVEMENT DOCUMENT."
BART SAID THAT HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH BILL (PROBABLY
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) AND THAT BILL SAID THAT WE MUST BE VERY
CLEAR WE ARE NOT SUPPORTING THIS CONSTITUTION. BART SAID
IT IS NECESSARY TO RE-ASSERT CLASS STRUGGLE IN THE AMERICAN
LABOR MOVEMENT. BLUMBERG SAID THAT OUR BASIC POLICY OF
DEVELOPING STRUGGLES WILL NOT PRODUCE AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTION; HOWEVER, IT WILL CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT

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1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)7-1
1-NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)7-1
1-NY 100-9984 (AL BLUMBERG)7-1
1-NY 100-4931 (CP, USA)12-14
1-NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)7-5

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WILL INFLUENCE POLICY DECISIONS LATER. BLUMBERG SAID
"WE WILL EXPRESS OURSELVES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SAY TO
HELL WITH THE MERGER." ^{BART} ~~BLUMBERG~~ SAID THAT THE NEGRO
QUESTION IS THE MAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL;
HOWEVER, WATT DISAGREED AND SAID THAT TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY
IS OUR MAIN AMENDMENT PROPOSAL. WATT FURTHER SAID "MANY
COMRADES SEE ONLY OUR CHANGING POLICY, ^{DO} ~~NOT~~ NOT HAVE BASIC
MARXIST UNDERSTANDING THAT DOESN'T RESTRICT TACTICAL APPROACH."

KELLY

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May 16, 1955



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ISRAEL KIMATT, was.
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On 5/7/55 NY 656-S* advised that PHIL BART wanted the subject to contact him at the residence of PHILIP LEVY, 120 Avenue "W", Brooklyn, N.Y. LEVY is a brother in-law of BART.

1 NY-100-68895(PHILIP LEVY)12-11
1 NY-100-56579(PHIL BART)7-5

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- "25" written vertically.
- "Cassidy" written horizontally.
- A large, faint, illegible stamp or signature in the background.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Newark (100-)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-66211) (#7-5)

SUBJECT: MARTHA STONE
SM-C

DATE: 5/18/55

According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, on 2/28/55, MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE), contacted JOE (believed to be JOE FISHER) at Market 3-6796 in Newark, and asked him to contact "our mutual friend" because we need \$2000 in here from you fellows in advance of the fund drive in order that the paper could come out that week. She noted that it was the first time anyone had been asked, and asked JOE

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(1-100- (JOE FISHER)
(1-100- (CHARLES NUSSER)
(1-100- (CP, District 14)

2 - New Haven

(1-100- (MARTHA STONE)
(1-100- (SID TAYLOR)

2 - Philadelphia

(1-100- (JOE ROBERTS)
(1-100- (CP, District 3)

2 - Boston

(1-100- (ANN TIMPSON)
(1-100- (CP, District 1)

1-NY-100-50508) (JOE FISHER (#7-5)
1-NY-100-55425) (CHARLES NUSSER (#7-5)
1-NY-100-22531) (JOE ROBERTS (#7-5)
1-NY-100-19285) (SID TAYLOR) (#7-5)
1-NY-100-13545) (ANN TIMPSON) (#7-5)
1-NY-100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
1-NY-100-21259) (MAC GORDON (#12-16)
1-NY-97-169) ("Daily Worker") (#7-2)
1-NY-100-74560) (CP USA Funds) (#7-1)

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to talk it over with the person who could do the most about it. She said MAC GORDON was with her and would talk to CHARLIE (believed to be CHARLES NUSSER) to acquaint him with the situation. She said if JOE wanted to call and clear with CHARLIE, he could do it. She said it was just a loan in advance, and when the drive started, JOE could take off the amount from whatever the goal for the paper would be. She said, however, that it did not solve any problems for the paper. According to the informant, on the same day MARTHA contacted CHARLES NUSSER at "The Daily Worker." She told him that they had to ask for an advance of \$2000 on the fund drive, not just from him, but from everybody. She told him that JOE would get in touch with him in order to guaranty that it comes out that week. She said they were in a terrible scrape and that it was not just a question of "crying wolf", but that she understood it was the first time that any district or anybody had been asked to do anything like this and she thought something could be worked out in lieu of the drive and could be subtracted at that time. In answer to CHARLES' question, she told him the amount was \$2000, or as close as he could come to that figure. She advised him that JOE was getting in touch with "our mutual friend," who could help out on these matters.

MARTHA and CHARLIE made arrangements to meet at approximately 8:00 the following night to talk the matter over.

According to the informant, also on 2/28/55, an unidentified man contacted JOE ROBERTS in Philadelphia. He asked JOE to do them a favor, which would be to give them a loan in advance of the drive for the paper. JOE excitedly said that it was out of the question because they had scraped together everything that they could and had sent in \$1000 the previous week. The man assured him that they had made a certain commitment to the drive, and could subtract that figure automatically. JOE reiterated that he could do nothing that week. He said he understood the situation, but they had done everything they could the previous week. The man said that it was not the previous week and that he understood it was only \$300, to which JOE pointed out that they had

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scraped together all the other money for "bad composition." JOE settled the argument by advising that he would do what he could, but that they should not depend on him. The man asked if he could get it in by Monday (presumably 3/7/55), because matters were in such bad shape. JOE said that he would see the man the next week.

The informant further advised that on that same day SID TAYLOR contacted PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART, at CP Headquarters.) PHIL explained the situation regarding the paper to him and said that they needed about \$1000 from him and needed it that week. SID advised that he did not know if he could meet that figure, because they just started paying bills on their case. PHIL said it would be considered as a loan and would be taken from the fund drive.

NY 693-S* further disclosed that on 2/28/55, ANN, who identified herself as "ANN from Boston," (believed to be ANN TIMPSON) contacted PHIL at CP National Headquarters and asked to speak to MARTHA. However, she told PHIL that she was replying to a wire she had received. PHIL explained that the paper ("The Daily Worker") was in real serious straits and appealed for advance commitments on its fund drive to assure its operation in the next weeks. ANN told him that they had just made a loan for their own purposes and PHIL asked her if she could at least get \$500 together, mentioning that he originally planned to ask for \$1000. ANN said that whatever they got they would have to borrow, but she agreed to see if she could get a loan. PHIL told her to send whatever she could to them (believed to be "The Daily Worker") directly.

In reply to PHIL'S question as to how the campaign for circulation was proceeding, ANN replied that it was "not going in high gear,"

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United States Government

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-94)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-96985)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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DATE: 5/20/55

On 4/18, 19/55 NK 2010-S*, a source close to JACK KLING, national CP functionary operating in the underground, furnished photographic copies of documents in KLING'S possession.

This informant furnished a letter dated 4/5/55 from TONY (IRVING HERMAN) to DICK (JACK KLING). In this letter TONY writes, "You will recall that I once mentioned to you that I had a copy of the motions adopted over a year ago relating to security matters. At the time you asked me to let you see them. I am enclosing a copy of them . . ."

This informant on 4/15/55 furnished an eight-page memo on "Proposals for Strengthening Party Security Measures" to which TONY apparently refers in his April 5, 1955 letter.

This memo is quoted.

2 - Chicago (Info.)
2 - Detroit (Info.)
2 - Los Angeles (Info.)
2 - Philadelphia (Info.)
2 - San Francisco (Info.)
1 - NY (100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN)
1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT)
1 - NY (100-28609) (HAL SIMON)
1 - NY (100-121904-12) (CHRIS)
1 - NY (100-120373) (MARION DOLORES DODD)
1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
1 - NY (100-20649) (EDWARD EUGENE STRONG)
1 - NY (100-) (LEON WOFSY) (12-14)
1 - NY (100-87561) (ESTHER EISENSCHER)
1 - NY (100-19249) (JACK KLING)
1 - NY (100-) (PETTIS PERRY) (7-5)
1 - NY (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART)
1 - NY (100-18672) (MAX MORRIS WEISS)
1 - NY (100-) (WARREN per NK 2010-S*)
1 - NY (100-) (FRANCES per NK 2010-S*)

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"PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING PARTY SECURITY MEASURES

"Introduction

"a) A very important objective of the policy of shifting in the main (illegible) tions formerly carried on by the Org Buro, the Regional Committees, (illegible) leaderships in the districts to the Administrative Committee and the open committees in the districts, is to bring about a new way of working by the concealed leadership with a view of assuring the maximum possible security and safeguarding of this leadership.

"b) The importance of this move is further attested to by the increasing danger of new blows against the Party - from the Administration, from Congress, from the states and localities.

"Among these are: additional Smith Act arrests; bills before Congress calling for revoking of citizenship of those convicted under the Smith Act, for illegalizing the Party, for legalizing wire-tapping; the danger that the McCarran Act will be upheld by the highest courts; legislation directed at left-led unions and for ouster of Communists and Left forces from union leadership and from jobs; legislation aimed at nullifying the Constitutional protection of the 5th Amendment; increasing moves against foreign-born and towards revoking citizenship of those naturalized; further persecutions by Congressional committees and loyalty oaths; etc.

"These new blows are precisely a reflection of the increasing desperation of the ruling class in view of the growing opportunities that have unfolded in the fight for peace, democracy, civil rights and economic security. It can only be understood within this context. At the same time, these new opportunities make possible the development of the broadest movement against McCarthyism and for the defeat and throwing back of the attack against our Party.

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"c) An examination both on a national scale and within the Regions and districts reveals many serious weaknesses in relation to Party security and the fact that we are still greatly vulnerable to the enemy blows at quite a few places.

"Some of these weaknesses nationally could be seen in relation to the recent visit of Steve and Albert. Firstly, we made the mistake of trying to cram too much within a short space of time with the result that we spread ourselves thin and did not get the fullest and best results within the limited time of their visit. For this lack of planning the OB has to assume responsibility. Secondly, a number of weaknesses were revealed affecting Party security, tied up with proper organization of living arrangements, meeting facilities, etc., especially so in relation to the special problems confronting Negro comrades. For this lack of planning, organization and struggle to overcome various difficulties that loomed, Al must bear the main responsibility.

"Another example showing up our own weaknesses is reflected in the sharp criticism of our Detroit comrades in respect to the recent visit of John there. This concerned John's dealings with C. and the lack of any serious security measures, and especially, John's staying with ND at the latter's home. It is unfortunate that John can't be with us today when we are discussing some of these questions.

"If we are to change the situation in the Regions and states, the OB must become a model of how to function on the basis of the utmost regard for Party security.

"d) On the basis of what has been said, therefore, it is necessary to adopt new and more stringent measures aimed at strengthening still further the security of the concealed leadership, to make it possible for this concealed leadership to function in an illegal fashion to meet whatever new assaults that may be hurled at the Party.

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"1. Beginning with March, the OB shall meet no oftener than once a month preferably for a 3-day period (if this is impossible, at least a 2-day period). Only under exceptional circumstances shall a special meeting of OB be held other than at the regular period. -- This to be reviewed reviewed April 1st.

"2. No more than 4 OB members shall attend any given OB meeting and no more than 5 altogether shall be present at OB meetings in addition to Marge who would make the 6th. This rule shall be strictly enforced. Accordingly, there will always be a least one OB member not in attendance.

"3. Once a meeting of OB is in progress, no one shall be allowed to come or leave. Such comings and goings while the OB is meeting create additional security risks that must be avoided.

"4. Besides OB members, only a select list of individuals to be agreed on at this meeting, shall at any time be invited to OB meetings. If a person other than those on this list is considered to be invited for an OB meeting, this shall be done only with the approval of a majority of the OB members. (Al, Warren, Leon, Betty, Pete and - Jim ())

"5. We should strive that with March or the latest April, all attending OB meetings shall first be dry-cleaned. This holds true for every member of OB and any additional people invited.

"6. We strive to have by April 1st, the dry-cleaning system shall be so organized that it can be used to cover the following additional situations:

"a) No OB member shall meet with an open person unless that person has been dry-cleaned by our apparatus.

"b) No OB member shall meet with anyone coming into town from out-of-town, even tho they be unavailable people, without having such person dry-cleaned by our apparatus.

"c) Any OB member making a trip out of town shall, upon return, first be dry-cleaned before returning to his home or meeting other OB members.

"d) Where members of the family of an OB member live in NY or nearby, they shall be dry-cleaned by our apparatus before they visit with an OB member.

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"7. To carry thru the above will require a well-functioning dry-cleaning apparatus which shall be given a proper training in the art of dry-cleaning. It is proposed that our immediate objective shall be the establishment of two dry-cleaning units - one under Marge in relation to Vince's activities; and one under Vi in relation to all other undertakings. In time, we should strive to build a third unit for a special purpose - namely, the dry-cleaning of members of Administrative Committee and other leading people who are in the open and are deemed very 'hot'.

"8. Beginning with April, we shall enforce a system whereby no OB member shall have more than two appointments a day, with an interval of a minimum of two hours apart between such appointments to be used for purposes of self-dry-cleaning. (This changed to one a day for OB members, but not to cover staff.)

"9. We re-examine our entire security structure with a view of the utmost de-centralization so as to guard against a break-thru at one level leading all the way to the very top of the security apparatus and the members of the OB.

"Generally, our basic security structure involved: a) facilities for OB meetings, for individual appointments by OB members, and for meetings of Region secretaries; b) Living accommodations for OB members as well as several reserve places in the event of an emergency; c) dry-cleaning system; d) work places where OB members can keep their materials and do their work on occasion; 3) system of mail drops; f) a system of contact for out-of-town (Region secretaries, etc.); g) a system for making available to OB members our press and literature.

"10. Each OB member shall be provided with the following resources: a) a living accommodation; b) several places to be used by him or her for individual appointments; c) a work place for keeping of needed material and where person can do their work on occasion; d) an arrangement that can be used in an emergency to re-establish contact in the event of a break; 3) a minimum means of identity (social security card, place of employment, and at least one other piece of material whether it be a driver's license, library card, 'Y' membership card, fishing license, a couple of letters addressed to the person, etc.); and f) a courier (thus far, only Bill and Fran are without couriers or assistants).

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"Added suggestions - an address other than living quarters, \$250 reserve, use of car.

"11. No member of the OB or the top staff associated with the OB shall henceforth purchase our press or literature from newsstands or stores. Our needs on this front shall be met exclusively thru our apparatus, about every two weeks. (Suggested method with the spreading out of person picking up lit, by stopping at 4, 5, or 6 places, and leaving with an identical bundle but at some point dropping the literature, etc.)

"12. It is necessary to adopt a clear-cut policy throughout the Party in relation to keeping of documents, letters, memos, etc. With the difficulties of direct face-to-face meetings there has grown a vast increase in the amount of material being put out for inner-Party purposes. The huge quantity of material seized in the cabin at the time of the California arrests reflected this situation in its sharpest form. This situation is fraught with serious dangers.

"Only such material can be kept as deal with articles intended for publication, material analyzing or dealing with the Party's policy on such questions as peace, democratic rights, economic matters, trade union, Negro, youth, legislative etc.

"Minutes of meetings, letters to and fro between individuals, documents relating to inner-Party matters such as status of Party organization, membership, dues, shop concentration, questions pertaining to individuals, are not to be kept but shall be destroyed. The only exceptions to this shall be: Material deemed necessary by the Review Commissions; certain essential material involving a minimum of records deemed necessary for the Org work. Neither shall the Regions accumulate such material, but rather shall, when needed, get such information from the districts.

"Material deemed absolutely essential shall not be kept in homes of OB members or OB staff, nor in the homes of heads of regions or their staff, district leaderships or their staff, etc.. These shall be put away in special places secured for this purpose.

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"Note: LA material on industrial concentration mentioned by Hoover; material on concentration objectives in Calif, NW and Rocky Mt. area seized by F at the time of West Coast arrests.

"13. In view of the many violations of our policy re family visits and unclarity on this matter, we adopt the following position:

"a) For members of the OB and staff, for heads of Regions and their assistants, for the State Secretariats of NY, Calif., Ill., Ohio and Mich. - family visits shall be on the average of once every 6 months.

"b) For all others in the state leaderships and, within NY, in the County leaderships, family visits shall be on the average of once every 3 months.

"c) For other categories of concealed people, each district shall work out its policy, but in no case shall it be more often than once every 2 months.

"d) Of major importance is the need of guarantees that families of concealed members be properly cleaned before family visits. This cannot be left to the initiative or judgment of each individual but must be under the central supervision and control of the person in charge of security activities at each level of leadership.

"e) Where the situation is such where the above rules cannot be enforced in the case of one or another individual, rather than lowering the necessary security requirements and standards with all kinds of exceptions, it is far better that such individuals work in the open.

"14. All Regions and Districts shall develop the following minimum security systems:

"a) A person over-all in charge of security matters, to head up the entire apparatus.

"b) A produrement head and a system for consistent procurement involving the Party organizations. This must assure the proper procurement and verification of all people and facilities.

"c) A person in charge of dry-cleaning and a dry-cleaning system.

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"d) A system of mail drops and contact centers for dealing with out-of-town people and a person in charge of this.

"e) In such districts as Ill., Calif., NY, Ohio, Mich. and to the degree possible elsewhere, as well as in connection with the Regional heads, we should enforce a system of assistants or couriers for purposes of conveying messages, making appointments and other necessary arrangements. In the main places and for the heads of the organization, we should strive that such people be unavailable.

"The immediate assistants or couriers of leading people shall not be used in connection with procurement or dry-cleaning purposes. Generally, we should discourage mingling of functions on various fronts under the same person.

"f) A system for securing the press and literature. None of the leading people or the staff of unavailable people shall purchase the press or literature from newsstands or book stores.

"15. OB members who go out of town shall refuse to meet with any person in the districts who have not been dry-cleaned first by a district dry-cleaning set-up. We must guard against OB members being placed in serious danger by laxness or serious weaknesses that may pertain in the given district.

"This point is very important when we consider that the leaderships in many districts have been under surveillance at one time or another in the past 6 months.

"It is not enough to just agree that an OB member visit a given district. We must insist on certain minimum safeguards in connection with such visit. If this can't be assured, visit must be cancelled or some person other than an OB member may have to be sent.

"16. Experiences show that the leadership must pay considerable attention to the political development of those associated with its work in various capacities but who are not on its leading committees. Unless such forces who are unavailable are involved in organized political life their own political development may suffer and signs of deterioration set in. With this in mind, the following is proposed:

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"a) A Party branch be established of the following: Al, Vi, Marge, Janet and Frances, to meet once a month. (Held up for possible variants on vertical lines.)

"b) A member of OB to be designated as politically in charge of this, to meet with the branch, to keep the branch members informed on important Party decisions and policy matters as well as afford a means whereby the branch members can also make known their thinking to the leadership.

"c) Each Region and state shall take concrete measures to establish small branches of members who are unavailable, who may be associated with the leadership or its apparatus in one capacity or another. This should be done on the basis of bringing together in small bodies people whose work ordinarily brings them in contact with each other rather than mingling people of diverse and unrelated fields.

"17, Alex and John should be consulted on the advisability of a switch of assistants between them. The reasons why such a switch might be advisable are:

"a) There seems good reason to believe that enemy knows who Alex's assistant is and has relation to Alex;

"b) The family relation between John and his assistant plus the fact that she is pretty well known in NY.

"A switch under such circumstances can help in confusing the enemy and, together with other measures, assure greater security in connection with both Alex and John. (This might be further discussed with them, but not to be pushed as they already indicated opposition.)

"18. A question that has constantly arisen and that needs a more definitive policy is whether a place that has been visited by the F. can or should be used by us. Some say yes, others have doubts. This question is becoming a very serious one since the numbers of Party people as well as non-Party people who have been visited in constantly widening. Furthermore, one cannot be sure than even those who claim not to know of any visit might also have had a visit to a landlord, a neighbor or an employer but without the person's knowledge. We have to be realistic and acknowledge that the enemy knows of a large or overwhelming portion of our membership due to various reasons (even if they don't always know whether the person is still a member or sympathizer.)

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"If we took a position that no one who has been visited can be used, this would preclude practically everybody who has been active at one or another time over a number of years. Naturally, where visits have taken place we should examine all the circumstances surrounding it, the extent of enemy interest in the individual, etc. in considering the advisability of their use.

"Our policy should be that individuals can be used even tho visited, unless there appears unusual interest in that individual. However, it is necessary to determine how and in what way such people should or should not be used.

"There can be no objection to use of such people for undertakings of an infrequent character or that involve little movement, such as: for OB meetings, for Reg. Secretaries meetings; for individual appointments, for work places, etc. In such matters, strong emphasis must be placed on how people come and go to such places, frequency of use, etc. Where this is carefully done, the place can be used.

"When it comes to using such a place in an undertaking that involves frequent movement in and out, then we have to see that such places have definite limitations and handicaps. For example: if a person lives at such a place, knowledge of such a person by neighbors and the landlord becomes unavoidable. While the enemy cannot have an agent watch every house of a Party member or sympathizer, they nevertheless will make efforts to secure the cooperation of someone in the building to inform them of anything unusual in connection with the given person. Hence, there are risks that an OB member living at such a place may sooner or later come under enemy observation, in all probability without his or her knowledge.

"As far as living accomodations are concerned, we should strive to have every OB member and the top staff around OB live with transformed people. As difficult as this may be, this presents far greater safeguards against enemy latching on to a person.

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"19. The above concept should also be made known to the Regions and districts so as to serve as a guide in selection of places for various purposes.

"20. It is necessary to once again clarify our policy in regard to use of cars. Where cars are used properly and for limited purposes, it can provide additional safeguards. Otherwise, it can prove disastrous in leading the enemy from person to person, from place to place. The following shall be our policy on use of cars (we are not speaking now, of dry-cleaning):

"a) We should discourage the use of cars in those cases where considerable movement by the individual and considerable contact are involved. For example: the use of cars by people in charge of procurement or other phases of apparatus is inadvisable since they are forced to see all kinds of people, including people who may be rejected, and present a constant danger of leading the enemy from one place to another. The same must be said also in the case of person in charge of NY colonization which involved seeing many individuals in all parts of town with the serious danger of coming under enemy observation.

"In such instances, use of subways, street cars and buses, as well as walking certain distances, provides a far better opportunity to observe whether being tailed and getting rid of a tail in the event one does exist.

"Where, for any reason (perhaps the town or area is such that travel without car becomes impossible) a car is needed, the stress should be upon securing the use of a number of cars rather than the use of one continuous car.

"b) A car can have a definite use where it concerns limited movement and contact such as bringing a leading person to a place of appointment, etc. It should not be used by that person's assistant or courier for running about town seeing all kinds of people. Under these conditions, it is important that knowledge of the car's license be kept from everyone other than the person involved and his assistant. This means no driving up to the very spot where another person is to be met; no use of the car for meetings or to provide lifts to others, etc.

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"c) We should discourage the policy of purchasing cars from other Party members or from car dealers who are either in the Party or are close sympathizers. The enemy watches precisely such sources.

"d) Our policy shall be that no car can be used for more than 6 months, after which it must be sold and another car gotten. Where this is considered impossible, then we propose either no car be used or a pool of cars that are used in rotation be considered. (This rejected in that the important thing is the proper use of the car and not the time element, altho the longer it is used the more possible it is to be noticed, etc.)

"Note of explanation: Cite example of Jim's car which was used for over one year, on trips throughout Calif, for going into the NW, for going East, for family visits, Etc.

"Also, example of Joe R - purchase of one car thru a sympathizer who is used car dealer and then after this car developed a tail, he disposed of the car and got another car from the same source.

"21. Experiences have shown that the use of mail drops can be very vulnerable and endanger in time everything. In the West Coast Region, 4 letters that had been sent to a Region mail drop never arrived, two letters sent to a California mail drop arrived but had been read by the F., and 4 letters sent by Region to the Rocky Mt. area arrived at the mail drop but were read by the F.

"While the enemy cannot keep an agent in front of every Party member's home or that of sympathizers, they can place a considerable number of places under observation as far as mail is concerned.

"Therefore, the following should be stressed in addition to securing the best possible mail drops from the viewpoint that they are unknown by the enemy: a) The use of mail shall be of an infrequent character and only in the case of exceptional emergency where no other avenues are possible without violating security; b) instead of use of mail to indicate possible

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"arrival of a person, to the degree that this can be arranged in advance with alternatives provided to meet any situation, this should be done; c) where letters are sent, the message must be completely innocuous in its meaning, providing no direct clue as to the person sending or receiving it, the day, time, and place of appointment. To achieve the latter, arrangements should be made in advance as to place for appointment and as to how date and time might be inferred indirectly.

"22. There has been a general lack of serious probing into 'incidents' that occur from time to time. By incidents are meant: failure of mail to arrive or their delay; a tail whether by car or by foot; enemy observation or knowledge of a meeting, of a living place, of people in the apparatus or leadership; arrests that take place or stopping of people under some false pretext (example of LA ex-Org Sec'y - or of Steve in his trip East), or failure to get satisfactory explanation around LA reserve or Phila. arrests.

"Often, the tendency has been either to ignore completely (West Coast Region) or to take some superficial steps that only touch the surface. What has been lagging is a serious investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the 'incident', of all people who may have had knowledge of the given undertaking, of a serious searching out for possible enemy agents, of studying the implications of this 'incident' in terms of all other sectors of the apparatus or leadership,

"This whole question must be raised sharply with entire Party leadership and corrective measures taken. Particularly, is it necessary to consider additional measures for heightening Party vigilance regarding enemy penetration, including appropriate articles, etc. Stress must be laid on the proper selection of personnel, on their verification, on their testing, on their ability to grow politically and exercise vigilance. (Additional note on ferreting out stoolpigeons.)

"23. In line with the policy of turning over in the main the operative features of our work to the open leadership, we must insist that they too establish certain security methods of work if they are to work in a new way. This must include: certain facilities for meetings of committees as well as with individuals, a dry-cleaning system, a system of couriers for conveying messages and establishing contact, special consideration in dealing with comrades in shops, trade unions, and right-led mass organizations; etc.

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"We should especially warn against going back to a previous method that prevailed in a different period, with its reliance on use of phones, mail, calling all kinds of people without too much thought into the Party offices, etc. This danger should not be minimized since such 'short-cuts' often follow in the wake of a style of work based on innumerable 'emergencies' and 'campaigns', whether it relate to press, finances, dues, or reacting to certain political developments.

"The open leadership must establish a certain minimum apparatus if it is to cope with the problems of being both operative and secure. (Special discussion shall be held with open leaderships on setting up security methods of work, etc.)

"24. It is time that the experiences accumulated by the Party over the past 3 years relating to all phases of Party security be made available to the concealed leaderships in the Regions and districts. Whether this take the form of a special manual or a series of special memos is secondary. The OB shall set up a special sub-committee to work on this material, to consist of Bill, Al, Vi and Otto.

"Among the questions to be dealt with should be the following:
a) how meetings of leading committees should be organized;
b) the kind of places best suited for living accommodations, for committee meetings, for individual appointments, for work places, for mail drops, and contact centers and the circumstances surrounding their use; c) the art of dry-cleaning; d) the problems relating to procurement, including proper selection, verification and training of personnel; d) the role of assistants and couriers; e) the use of cars; f) questions dealing with establishing identity; g) a system to guarantee getting the press and literature to various people; h) family visits, etc..

"25. There have been a number of examples of individuals who were 'hot' in the sense of enemy tailing and observation. Yet, these people continued to go about their assignments since it was deemed that they could not be 'spared'. An example of this was the case of the person who was in charge of NY colonization and, despite the fact that on a single day as many as six cars followed it over several hours, nevertheless continued at this work as if this was just another unimportant event.

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"Our policy on such matters shall be:

- "a) An investigation shall be undertaken to ascertain the full meaning and implication of the enemy surveillance,
- "b) The given person shall immediately move out of his home and sever all connections with people that he normally dealt with, pending the outcome of this investigation.
- "c) In certain situations, it may be advisable that the person be re-assigned to some other activity or some other place or even a different state. Especially should such a course be considered where the enemy has shown an unusual ability to latch onto the given individual as well as a special interest in that person,

"26. In addition to the manual or memos on security, arrangements shall be made to have either Al or some member of the OB attend the various Regional meetings of D. Os as well as the Regional Sec'ys meetings at which the whole security question is up for discussion. Otto and Al should work out the plans for this.

"27. Propose Otto be responsible to meet with OB members not present here and convey decisions adopted on Party security matters.

"Additional suggestions:

"28. That security work be divided and that Otto be responsible for security aspects of concealed leaderships, and Al work on counter measures. Referred to committee.

"29. No documents to be brought to meetings except those essential to meeting. (Add this to point 12.)

"30. Special discussion take place on security for shops - 5th amendment, etc.

"31. That special technical committee be set up to deal with facilities such as sound, photography, etc. of technical experts to work on special projects. Committee for OB to be Vince, Al and Bill.

"32. A medical and dental department be set up,

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"33. A library be established with careful attention to how to be used, and which will include also certain material on enemy methods, etc.

"34. A pool for cadre training for new forces working with apparatus, OB etc.

"35. Put an end to piggy-back meetings, appointments, etc."

The identities of individuals mentioned are offered as:

AL - IRVING HERMAN
AL (item 4) - Unknown
ALBERT - Unknown
ALEX - CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
BETTY - BETTY GANNETT
BILL - HAL SIMON
C - CHRIS
FRAN - CELESTE STRACK KAPLAN
FRANCES - (item 16 a) Unknown
JANET - MARION DOLORES DODD
JIM - PHIL BART
JOE R - Unknown
JOHN - EDWARD EUGENE STRONG
LEON - LEON WOPSY
MARGE - ESTHER EISENSCHER
OTTO - JACK KLING
PETE - PETTIS PERRY
STEVE - ARTIE BROWN
VI - CONSTANCE BART
VINCE - MAX MORRIS WEISS
WARREN - Unknown

The Detroit office should attempt to identify ND with whom JOHN lived.

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PHIL BART, IS-C.

CG 5824-S orally advised SA MICHAEL CARLSON on 5/17/55 that reservations made this date for informant's return to Chicago 5/19/55 on flight 507 United Air Lines leaving NY 6:00 p.m. scheduled to arrive Chicago 8:20 p.m.

Informant advised captioned subject leaving on instant flight in company with informant to attend conference in Chicago concerning which Chicago Office has details.

Informant continued that people attending this conference will be from Pittsburgh, the midwest and as far west as Denver.

Informant indicated that CLAUDE LICHTEN, presently in Detroit, is scheduled to arrive in NY evening, 5/17/55.

Any further details concerning above will be furnished the Bureau and Chicago should informant receive same.

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- 3 - Bureau (Regular)
- 2 - Chicago (Regular)
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- 1-NY 134-91 (NY 694-S)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-94)
FROM: SAC, New York (100-96985)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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DATE: 5/19/55

[redacted] on 4/21/55 orally advised SA BRYAN JINNETT of Newark and SA RICHARD H. BLASSER of the NYO of the following:

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[redacted] recently told the informant that there are no more than two or three CP functionaries who are now unavailable in New York County.

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1 - Bufile 100- [redacted] (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (PHIL BART) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (NEW YORK COUNTY) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (EUGENE DENNIS) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (COMPROS NY) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (SECURITY MEASURES) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (LIL GATES) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (GEORGE WATT) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (PETTIS PERRY) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (BETTY GANNETT) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- (CP, USA) (RM)
1 - Bufile 100- [redacted] (RM)
1 - NY [redacted] (P&C) (7-14)
1 - NY [redacted] (12-15)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-26603-42 (NEW YORK COUNTY) (12-14)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-87152 (COMPROS NY) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-81338 (SECURITY MEASURES) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-24448 (LIL GATES) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-92763 (PETTIS PERRY) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (12-14)
1 - NY [redacted] (12-11)

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According to the informant, this implies the following:

1. Tensions in the CP are easing.
2. Anti-CP fervor is diminishing as times are changing,

Informant advised the CP, therefore, is edging a substantial part of its leadership out of the Underground. However, the CP will continue to maintain a section of the Underground, but it will probably be on a ratio of 1 to 5.

According to the informant, the Underground will now be composed of a select group.

Informant pointed out that PHIL BART, former Underground functionary, is now out in the "open."

Informant advised that because certain Party people have been brought out into the open by the CP, this means the CP has apparently re-appraised their policy of maintaining people in the Underground. According to the informant, this also represents a divided shift in the CP tactics of working.

According to the informant, GENE DENNIS and other recently released CP leaders from jail, will remain quiet until their probationary period is over. //

It was the informant's opinion, however, that these Party leaders will arrange to check with one another and meet with one another on Party matters, but that it will be extremely difficult to prove.

Informant advised that inasmuch as GENE DENNIS and other released Party leaders are now out of jail, there will not be any need for the cumbersome setup of the CP such as existed in 1950-1955 when the CP was hounded and their leaders were jailed. It was necessary at that time, according to the informant, to maintain a secondary type of leadership. However, informant advised that now that DENNIS and other released Party leaders are out of jail, the Party will take a chance on bringing out into the open certain Party functionaries who are now unavailable, because DENNIS; ET AL can substitute for the secondary leadership the Party has heretofore maintained in the Underground,

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Informant advised that this undoubtedly is the reason why such Party functionaries as LIL GATES and PHIL BART are now out in the "open."

Informant advised second and third-type Party leaders are now being brought out into the "open" because of the following reasons:

1. The CP finds it difficult to maintain these leaders in their Underground status.
2. This second and third-type of Party functionary finds it difficult to maintain two homes, namely, one for himself in the Underground and one for his family.
3. The Party has found the Underground setup mechanism clumsy and inoperative inasmuch as the leaders in the Underground have been unable to give any leadership to the rest of the Party.

Informant pointed out there appears to be a lessening of the rigid setup of the CP Underground mechanism. He pointed out, however, that this doesn't mean the Party is dismantling their Underground setup, as the Party, as pointed out above, will continue to maintain certain people in the Underground.

Informant advised that ALBERT BLUMBERG, GEORGE WATT and MARTHA STONE will constitute the replacement for PETTIS PERRY and BETTY GANNETT, recently jailed CP leaders.

Informant advised the daily operating body of the CP is known as the Administrative Committee.

With regard to GENE DENNIS and other Party leaders recently released from jail, informant stated that while in conversation on [redacted] member of the CP, USA, [redacted] told the informant that recently released CP leaders see each other at their lawyer's office. [redacted] at the informant when he stated DENNIS; ET AL discussed legal matters in their lawyer's office, implying to the informant the lawyers could step out and these leaders could have a Party meeting.

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It was the opinion of the informant that DENNIS and other recently released Party leaders, after resting, will resume their leadership and will find a way to circumvent the rules of their probation. According to the informant, this factor all the more lessens the need for a secondary Underground leadership. Further, informant advised this factor will also mean that more functionaries will appear in the "open."

[] told the informant it is practically impossible to see or meet with DENNIS or other recently released Party leaders.

Informant advised there appears to be a CP trend to "openness" and that some Party people who heretofore have been unavailable will now appear in the "open."

Informant advised there also appears to be an effort on the part of the Party to re-establish the Party as an open political party.

If the above information furnished by [] is used in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of this particular informant.

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FBI, CHICAGO (100-2644)

5/21/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) (AM) (RM)

PHIL BART, was.
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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on 5/20/55 that PHIL BART, who is in Chicago for a conference of Midwestern District Organizers of the CP, during the weekend of 5/21-22/55, is scheduled to return to New York by plane on Monday afternoon, 5/23/55.

The Bureau and New York will be advised as soon as possible of the information received by CG 5824-S from BART and information concerning the conference referred to above.

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High Court Clears Three Of Red Inquiry Contempt

By LUTHER A. HUSTON

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 23—The Supreme Court set aside today the contempt conviction of three witnesses charged with refusing at a House inquiry to answer questions on alleged Communist affiliations or associations.

The three were Julius Emspak and Thomas Quinn, officials of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and Philip Bart, general manager of The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper published in New York.

Messrs. Emspak and Quinn escaped sentences of six months in prison and fines of \$500 each. Mr. Bart's sentence was three months in jail and a \$500 fine.

The high court ruled that the three men had validly invoked the constitutional guarantees against self-incrimination at hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the majority opinion in each of the three cases. Justice John M. Harlan dissented in the Emspak and Bart cases. He concurred with the result in the Quinn case, but dissented from one of the principal grounds set forth in the majority ruling.

Justice Stanley F. Reed dissented in all three cases. Justice Sherman Minton shared his dissent in the Bart case. Justice Reed wrote a single dissenting opinion in the Emspak and Quinn cases. Justice Minton joined in that part of the opinion that applied to Mr. Emspak.

As for the possible effect of the rulings, the consensus of lawyers and interested officials was that they would in no way restrict the investigating functions of Congressional committees.

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tees. It was believed in some circles, however, that new standards might have been established for determining when witnesses were in contempt.

Justice Reed, in dissenting in the Quinn case, said that "these sweeping decisions affect the conduct of all Congressional inquiries and all courts, for from the opinions there emerges a legally enforceable rule for handling hearings or prosecutions when questions raise for the witness a problem of self-incrimination."

He was led to dissent, the justice said, by "the importance of preserving the right to require evidence, except when a witness definitely apprises the interrogating body of a valid claim of privilege."

Mr. Warren declared in the Quinn case opinion that the power to investigate, although broad, was subject to recognized limitations and could not be confused with the powers of law enforcement.

"Still further limitations on the power to investigate are found in the specific individual guarantees of the Bill of Rights, such as the Fifth Amendment's privilege against self-incrimination which is in issue here," the Chief Justice said.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution provides that in any criminal case an accused person shall not be required to give testimony that may tend to incriminate him.

Principal Issues Set Forth

The principal issues at stake in each of the cases, and the bases on which the court decided them, were set forth in the opinion in the Quinn case.

The first was whether Mr. Quinn had adequately claimed the protection of the Fifth Amendment when he declined on Aug. 10, 1949, to answer the House committee's questions regarding alleged membership in the Communist party.

Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, another officer of the union, had preceded Mr. Quinn and had refused to answer on "the First and Fifth Amendments." When Mr. Quinn was questioned he adopted the ground relied on by Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Fitzpatrick had prefaced his testimony by a statement that the Constitution gave the people the right to "have opinions or beliefs that may be unpopular." This was a protection he claimed under the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of religion, speech and

Later on, when he was asked

if he had signed the application of a certain Mr. Copeland for membership in the Communist party, Mr. Fitzpatrick said:

"I stand on the protection of the Constitution, the First and Fifth Amendments."

Mr. Fitzpatrick was indicted along with Messrs. Emspak and Quinn, but was not convicted. His reference to the First and Fifth Amendments was held to constitute an adequate means of invoking the self-incrimination clause of the Fifth Amendment.

In the Quinn case, the Government argued that the references to the Fifth Amendment were inadequate because Mr. Fitzpatrick's statements were more reasonably understood as invoking rights under the First Amendment.

"We find the Government's argument untenable," Chief Justice Warren wrote. "The mere fact that Fitzpatrick and the petitioner [Mr. Quinn] also relied on the First Amendment does not preclude their reliance on the Fifth Amendment as well."

No 1st Amendment Ruling

Mr. Emspak also had said, in answer to a committee question, that "because of the hysteria, I think it my duty to protect the rights guaranteed under the Constitution, primarily the First Amendment, supplemented by the Fifth."

Both the Quinn and Emspak cases were decided, however, on the basis of the self-incrimination clause of the Fifth Amendment. The court did not find it necessary to rule specifically on the application of the First Amendment's provisions to these cases.

A Federal District Court, before which Mr. Quinn was tried, rejected his defense on the self-incrimination clause, holding that a witness might not incorporate the position of another witness.

Mr. Warren said that "a claim of privilege does not require any

special combination of words." The self-incrimination clause, he declared, must be "accorded liberal construction in favor of the right it was intended to secure."

Mr. Quinn, the Chief Justice ruled, obviously intended to claim the Fifth Amendment, and his references to it were "clearly sufficient to put the committee on notice of an apparent claim of privilege."

The second main ground for reversing the conviction hinged on the question of whether Mr. Quinn was properly apprised that the committee demanded an answer to its question, not withstanding his objections.

The Chief Justice said that there could be no conviction for contempt of Congress unless the witness was specifically directed to answer the question, then refused.

Mr. Warren asserted that the committee had not specifically overruled Mr. Quinn's objection based on the Fifth Amendment, nor specifically directed him to answer the questions.

David Schribner, Frank J. Donner, Arthur Kinoy of New York, and Alan R. Rosenberg of Washington were lawyers for Messrs. Quinn and Emspak. Mr. Bart was represented by James T. Wright of New York.

Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General, and Warren Olney 3d, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Government.

Union Hails Decision

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers hailed the Supreme Court action as "an outstanding victory for democratic trade unionism in our nation."

The union said in a statement that the court's decision was a "crushing defeat" for the "undemocratic and anti-labor" House Committee on Un-American Activities and for "the anti-labor activities of the Department of Justice."

"The action of the Supreme Court underscores the need of carrying forward fighting opposition to this committee and all other McCarthy-like movements, which would destroy the most democratic expression of the American people," the statement added.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Newark
FROM: SAC, New York (100-66211)
SUBJECT: MARTHA STONE
IS-C

DATE: 5/24/55

NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish valid information concerning activities at CP headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, NYC, advised that on 3/14/55, MARTHA STONE contacted LEON WOFSEY and told him to meet GEORGE WATT as she was unable to be there until 2:00 p.m. She also said that she wanted MEL WILLIAMSON to get in touch with her as soon as he arrived. She told GEORGE WATT that she desired to meet with him and PHIL BART that night at 8:00 p.m. She also told him about a great meeting she had attended the previous night which brought in money and said that about 300 people had been in attendance.

The informant further advised that [redacted] contacted a JIM at the office of [redacted] (believed to be JAMES ALLEN) to tell him that she wanted to get in touch with [redacted] whom they needed for the Foster meeting. JIM advised her to contact ARTHUR SHIELDS.

The informant further advised that on 3/17/55, a MARTHA left a message with ELVA LANNON to tell GEORGE WATT that he should keep the hours from 10:30 until 1:00 on Friday (presumably 3/18/55) open for her. ELVA told her that BOB (believed to be ROBERT APPEL) wanted to know about [redacted] and MARTHA told her that she had been unable to locate him.

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The informant advised that on 3/14/55, a woman believed to be MARTHA STONE contacted [redacted] in Newark, New Jersey at Bigelow 29628. [redacted] asked her for an appointment and MARTHA suggested Thursday (presumably 3/17/55) but [redacted] asked if she could possibly make it before Wednesday as he was seeing "that guy" on Wednesday. MARTHA said that would be impossible for her and told [redacted] that she did not

- 1 - Newark (100- [redacted]) (RM)
1 - New Haven (100- [redacted]) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1 - Pittsburgh (100- [redacted]) (STEVE NELSON) (RM)
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 (1-100-124494) [redacted] (7-5)
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think he needed her for "that." She told him to find out what they had in mind and to meet with them. [] finally agreed to meet with her on Saturday morning at "the house." He asked her to set aside the 16th of April in her date book for a conference.

The informant also advised that on 3/14/55, an individual believed to be ARTHUR SHIELDS contacted MARTHA and told her that he had received her wire. She asked him if he was in touch with [] and he replied that he could reach [] through STEVE (presumably STEVE NELSON.) MARTHA expressed surprise and commented that she thought [] was "around here" and ARTHUR replied that he had been away from this locality for a long time. MARTHA said that she did not know that and ARTHUR told her that he would explain it to her when next he saw her and advised her that when she wanted to get in touch with him she can also do it through the papers (presumably the "Daily Worker") by just leaving word there. He asked her not to attempt to reach him at the house.

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ARTHUR continued, incidently as it was Saint Patricks Day he was sending greetings to "the old man" (believed to be WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) and said that the latter seemed to be in pretty good spirits as he had received a letter from him that day.

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In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informants identity.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (AM) (RM)

CO 5824-S

This informant returned from a 3 day trip to New York City on Thursday evening, 5/19/55. Purpose of trip was to maintain semblance of business cover with NY 694-S to see EUGENE DENNIS and other National leaders of the CP. On return trip from New York CO 5824-S was accompanied by PHIL BART, member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, who is in charge of Party finances and also holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP.

BART is in Chicago for a conference of Midwestern District Organizers, including CP representatives from Denver and Pittsburgh, which is taking place during the weekend of 5/21-22/55.

Inasmuch as BART is residing at the residence of the informant, an opportunity has not been presented to obtain details of informant's New York trip and information received from BART, who is scheduled to return to New York City on Monday afternoon, 5/23/55. In brief telephone conversation with contacting Agent on Friday evening, 5/20/55, CO 5824-S stated that in his opinion his recent trip to New York, despite its short duration, was the most successful he has had from the standpoint of cementing his relationship with National CP leaders. CO 5824-S advised that he is convinced that he is in good standing with Party leaders nationally, particularly EUGENE DENNIS and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, the most important leaders in the CP.

CO 5824-S stated that he had a long intimate discussion with DENNIS and that FOSTER had shown to the informant his article on the proposed constitution of the merged CIO and AFL of L and asked for informant's advice on some portions of this article.

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CG 5824-S also met with JACK STACHEL and conversed with BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., by telephone. Although DAVIS wanted to see CG 5824-S, the fact that the informant had to accompany BART back to Chicago prevented him from meeting with DAVIS because of time limitations.

As soon as BART leaves Chicago and CG 5824-S can be contacted under secure conditions, the Bureau and interested offices will be promptly advised of the information received by the informant while he was in New York City and in conversations with PHIL BART.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

May 24, 1955

SAC, DETROIT (100-14627)

PHIL BART, was.
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(OO: New York)

Reference Chicago teletype dated March 25, 1955, and Detroit teletypes dated March 26, 28, 1955.

Referenced Chicago teletype advised that the Subject was to arrive in Detroit via Twilight Limited, New York Central Railroad, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 25, 1955. Detroit was requested to attempt to effect coverage of BART's activities in a most discreet manner in order to afford maximum security to Chicago Informant CG 5824-S. Coverage of the Subject's activities while in Detroit was handled exclusively through fixed fisurs, security Informants and established sources.

The following is a chronological report of the coverage extended by this office during the period when BART was believed to be in this area:

Friday, March 25, 1955

At 8:45 p.m. SA JAMES F. WAYER, SA SAMUEL H. GRADDOCK, SA PAUL E. SMITHS and SA JOHN E. KING were on duty spot checking locations in Detroit where activity could be expected. The Twilight Limited, New York Central Railroad, arrived in Detroit from Chicago at approximately 10:40 p.m. The above Special Agents covered the train's arrival and no person fitting the Subject's description was observed. In addition, no prominent Communist Party (CP) officials from this area were recognized in Union Station at the time the above train was due to arrive.

The automobile of SAUL WELLMAN was located at 11:15 p.m. in the immediate vicinity of the residence of CARL and HELEN WINTER, 9556 Burnette, Detroit. WELLMAN's automobile was covered with snow and apparently had not been moved since early in the evening. SAUL WELLMAN and at least two other unidentified males

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were observed sitting around a table in the WINTER residence at approximately 11:30 p.m. (CARL WINTER was one of the National CP leaders convicted under the Smith Act of 1940 in New York City in 1949. His wife, HELEN, and SAUL WELLMAN were both convicted under the Smith Act of 1940 at Detroit in 1954.).

Saturday, March 26, 1955

At 12:10 a.m. two unidentified males and one unidentified female left the WINTER residence in an automobile registered to FRED J. WILLIAMS, 11105 East Jefferson, Detroit (WILLIAMS is presently under denaturalization proceedings by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Detroit, as the result of his long-time CP activity in union affairs in the Detroit area).

At 12:30 a.m. all lights in the WINTER residence were extinguished. The WELLMAN automobile was still in the area and no further activity was noted.

SA [redacted] and SA HARVEY V. PETERS were on duty at 8:00 a.m.

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At 9:10 a.m. the residence of FRED WILLIAMS, 11105 East Jefferson, Detroit, was spot checked and neither his automobile nor any activity was observed.

Fixed fisurs were placed in operation at 11:00 a.m. on the residences of HELEN and CARL WINTER and SAUL WELLMAN, 3000 Clairmount, Detroit. At 12:00 noon WELLMAN returned to his residence in his automobile accompanied with a person identified as the Subject. Both entered the WELLMAN residence. BART was observed carrying manila envelopes and folders.

SAUL WELLMAN, his wife, PEGGY, the Subject and a young boy identified as the nephew of HELEN WINTER, all departed from the WELLMAN residence at 12:32 p.m. in WELLMAN's automobile. At 12:45 p.m. the above group was observed arriving at the WINTER residence, which they all entered.

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SAUL and PEGGY WELLMAN left the WINTER residence at 1:33 p.m. in their automobile and the Subject was not observed with them. Both PEGGY and SAUL WELLMAN were observed at their residence at 3:06 p.m.

SA MELVILLE H. SHANNON and SA RICHARD L. RYMAN entered on duty at 4:00 p.m.

At 6:48 p.m. an automobile used by PHIL SCHATZ arrived at the WINTER residence. The lone male occupant of this automobile was tentatively identified as SCHATZ (PHIL SCHATZ was convicted under the Smith Act of 1940 at Detroit, in 1954).

The Subject was observed to enter the SCHATZ automobile and they arrived at the SAUL WELLMAN residence approximately ten minutes later. PART entered the WELLMAN residence alone and SCHATZ departed from the area. SAUL WELLMAN and his son, DAVID, left in WELLMAN's car at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

Shortly after the Subject's arrival at the WELLMAN residence, a flurry of activity was noted by the Special Agents maintaining the fixed fisur. At approximately 7:10 p.m. just as SAUL WELLMAN and his son were departing, a jeep station wagon pulled up in front of the WELLMAN residence, double parked with the motor running, and the sole male occupant ran into WELLMAN's residence carrying what appeared to be a brief case. He remained in the house only a matter of seconds, hurriedly returned to his vehicle and drove away. This person was believed to be possibly identical with [redacted] was described by [redacted] as [redacted]

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[redacted] in October, 1950).

At 7:42 p.m. a white male driving a late model Plymouth parked his car on the WELLMAN side of the street approximately one building west of the WELLMAN residence and entered the latter residence. At 8:18 p.m. this same individual re-entered his car where he remained waiting. At 8:20 p.m. an automobile with lights blinking as he entered the area, parked directly behind WELLMAN's car, which was parked on the far side of the street from his residence. A male Negro alighted from the latter vehicle and after checking several house numbers on both sides of the street with a pocket flash light, took up a position on a porch of a residence two houses east of WELLMAN and on the same side of the street. He remained in the shadows

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and appeared to be observing the street and surrounding area. Shortly after the above person stationed himself on the porch, the car being used by PHIL SCHATZ drove up and parked in front of this porch and the Subject was observed leaving WELLMAN's residence and entering the SCHATZ vehicle. Simultaneously an individual resembling SAUL WELLMAN appeared on the porch of his apartment, which is located on the second floor. This person remained in the shadows of the porch for approximately five minutes.

Shortly after BART entered the SCHATZ vehicle, the late model Plymouth which had parked at 7:42 p.m., drove away and was followed by the SCHATZ vehicle. After these two cars departed, the male Negro left the porch, entered his car, made a U turn and followed the other two cars out of the area. Just prior to the foregoing operation, the house lights at the WELLMAN residence were dim and the hall lights extinguished.

It was believed that the late model Plymouth automobile involved in the above operation belongs to SID LINN ([redacted] in 1955 has stated that SID LINN is connected with the CP underground apparatus at District 7).

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At 9:58 p.m. SAUL and PEGGY WELLMAN departed from their residence and left the area in the WELLMAN automobile.

Sunday, March 27, 1955

At 1:20 a.m. SAUL and PEGGY WELLMAN returned and entered their residence. BART was not observed with them.

SA [redacted] and SA JOHN R. BARTON entered on duty at 8:00 a.m.

At 10:10 a.m. SAUL and PEGGY WELLMAN, accompanied by [redacted] were observed leaving their residence and departing from the area in their automobile. At 12:03 p.m. SAUL WELLMAN and [redacted] returned to their residence.

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An automobile registered to [redacted] parked in the vicinity of the WELLMAN residence at 3:55 p.m. and a white male, believed to be [redacted] entered the WELLMAN residence.

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At 4:15 p.m. this individual left the WELLMAN residence and departed in the MARSH automobile () was identified by CSDE 570-S* on March 28, 1955, as an active underground CP functionary of District 7).

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SA WILLIAM R. BILLING and SA () entered on duty at 4:00 p.m.

At 4:25 p.m. an automobile driven by PHIL SCHATZ, stopped in front of the WELLMAN residence and discharged a male fitting PART's description. This individual entered the WELLMAN residence.

-At 8:10 p.m. SAUL WELLMAN was observed leaving the area alone in his car. WELLMAN was observed entering the area at 9:55 p.m. in his own automobile. No other individuals were observed in the car and WELLMAN entered his residence alone. No further activity was noted on this date, although inclement weather hampered full utilization of the fixed fisur.

Monday, March 28, 1955

Fixed fisurs on the residences of SAUL WELLMAN and HELEN and CARL WINTER developed no information regarding the Subject. Contact with established sources and spot checking throughout the area failed to develop any positive information. Coverage was discontinued at 4:00 p.m. this day. No additional information regarding the Subject's activities in Detroit has been developed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: May 25, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3284)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
Internal Security - C
Smith Act of 1940

ReBuairtel dated May 5, 1955, and your airtel dated May 10, 1955, concerning the availability of witnesses to testify in a possible prosecution of the subject.

The Department was advised on May 16, 1955, that [] is a current valuable informant and will not be made available at this time. By letter dated May 19, 1955, the Department requested additional information concerning a meeting held at the Yugoslav Hall in New York City on February 19 and 20, 1955, and the names of the persons attending this meeting as supplied by []. This meeting is reported in the report of SA [] dated April 4, 1955, concerning Bart. The Department stated that this information is necessary to determine whether the testimony of [] is essential to a successful prosecution of Bart.

You should promptly obtain the additional information requested by the Department and furnish it to the Bureau no later than June 1, 1955.

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FBI, Chicago (100-26444)

May 25, 1955

Director, FBI (RM) (100-3284) AIR ~~MAIL~~

PHILIP RART, was. IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN F. KAYING on 5/24/55 that before PHILIP RART left CG for New York on May 23, 1955, he told the informant that he planned to go to Detroit for about one week on or about June 15, 1955. RART further stated that he may come to CG before going to Detroit and may ask CG 5824-S to accompany him to Detroit or may go to Detroit and ask CG 5824-S to join him there.

It is noted that CG 5824-S has advised that RART is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP in charge of Party finances and that he holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP.

The Bureau, New York, and Detroit will be advised of any further info received in this regard.

HOSTETTER

JFK:JVB

CC: 2-Detroit (RM)

(1-100- PHILIP RART)

(1-100- CP Organization)

2-New York (RM)

(1-100-54579 PHILIP RART)

(1-134-91 NY 694-S)

CC: A) 134-46

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SA JOHN J. BRANNEN

CV, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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On 5/9/55 NY-2018-30 furnished photographic reproductions of an undated letter from "Y" (IRVING HERMAN) to "D" (JACK KLING). Source is close to the activities of JACK KLING, who, according to source, is a national underground functionary. Individuals mentioned in this letter are identified as follows:

BILL	HAL SIMON
PHIL	PHIL BART
SCALES	JUNIOR SCALES
SPIVAK	Identity unknown
PAUL	JAMES S. WEST
NAT	CONSTANCE BART
HARRY	NED SPARKS

This letter is quoted as follows:

"Dear D.:

"Am enclosing some material for yourself and Harry. The material is self-explanatory.

"I'm sending via Bill a letter to be forwarded to Phil regarding some matters we discussed with him previously. This relates to: 1) National Review Commission and its hand; 2) discussion with districts on creating functioning Review Commissions as well as designating, in the most important districts, a person in charge of Special Security Activities; 3) question of Phil seeing Spivak; and 4) the probe of Scales arrest which is tied up with strong possibility of a stool. In the event you should see Phil at any time or, if you should write him, would appreciate if you could say a word on these matters. I don't think we can just let them ride.

1-NY100-19849 (JACK KLING)(7-1)
1-NY100-32430 (IRVING HERMAN)(7-1)
1-NY100-28609 (HAL SIMON)(7-1)
1-NY100-9573 (NED SPARKS)(7-1)
①-NY100-56379 (PHIL BART)(7-5)
1-NY100- (JUNIOR SCALES)(7-5)
1-NY100-28669 (JAMES S. WEST)(7-1)
1-NY100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART)(7-1)
1-NY100- (FRU SPIVAK)(7-6)

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"Would also like to take this occasion to remind you that I will expect to hear from you, especially after you've seen Paul, that I would like to get a detailed report on all that occurred leading up to the incident. Am especially desirous of getting all pertinent facts as to what happened on the day of incident--all contacts, places and movements, as well as, in the case of Paul, the events that happened that day and the Monday before that made him suspicious. In Paul's case, also, any relation to events back in his own state.

"Based on all factual material we may gather relating to the incident, it may be necessary to follow this up in time with some 'tests' which I will discuss with you when I see you next. In any case, after all materials have been gathered, there will have to be some collective discussion and conclusion since we can't continue as if nothing basically is wrong in our set-up.

"Best of regards,

"T.

"P.S. Perhaps you may want to type extra copies of the list of license numbers, to be given to your sus't and for Nat. I don't have extra copies."

A photographic reproduction of this letter is attached to the memo designated for the case file on IRVING HERMAN.

The Chicago Office has been advised of the pertinent information contained in this letter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Airtel message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (100-18952) MAY 26, 1955
DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) (AM - Registered)

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Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information orally to SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 25, 1955. CG 5824-S advised that he had received this information in conversations with PHIL BART.

JEK:DHB
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- 2 - Denver (AM - Registered)
(1 - 100- CP - Membership)(1 - 100- CP - Funds)
- ③ - New York (AM - Registered)
(1 - 100-80638 CP - Membership)(1 - 100-74560 CP - Funds)
(1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
- 2 - Los Angeles (AM - Registered)
(1 - 100- CP - Membership)(1 - 100- CP - Funds)
- 1 - Milwaukee (Registered)
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- 1 - Minneapolis (Registered)
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- 2 - San Diego (AM - Registered)
(1 - 100- CP - Membership)(1 - 100- CP - Funds)
- 2 - San Francisco (AM - Registered)
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- 1 - A)134-46

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It is to be noted that the informant has advised that PHIL BART is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party in charge of CP finances and holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP.

CG 5824-S was in contact with BART in New York City and in Chicago during the period from May 17th through May 23, 1955. BART told CG 5824-S that the current number of registered Negro CP members in Harlem, New York, is 100. The figure currently carried by the National Office of the CP for registered CP members in California is 3,000. The figure carried by the National Office of the CP in 1954 for registered CP members in Minnesota was 300 and in Wisconsin it was 200. In connection with Minnesota and Wisconsin, it is noted that BART conferred with CP members from these districts in Chicago during the weekend of May 21-22 and that figures for these 2 CP districts may have been altered to bring them up to date at this time. CG 5824-S was unable to furnish any additional information concerning current CP membership in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Concerning California, BART stated that California is considered the outstanding CP district in the United States, with dues payments averaging 80% each month, while in most CP districts dues payments are under 50% each month, and in some cases are much less than this. As an example, BART showed CG 5824-S a slip of paper indicating that the total dues payments for the Colorado district for the 9 month period from March, 1954, through December, 1954, was 133. BART stated that the National Office of the CP has not had a registration figure for the Colorado district in 2 years, but that he felt that the membership should be around 60 or 70 and that the dues collections in the Colorado district are not being made properly.

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FBI, Chicago (100-21222)

May 26, 1955

Director, FBI (100-3-9h)(AM)(RM)

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, IS-C.

CD 5824-6 who has furnished reliable information in the past orally advised SA JOHN L. KATINE on May 25, 1955 that in recent conversation with PHILIP HART and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, both members of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, the informant was told in strict confidence that the CP is getting ready to hold some National Party Conferences. One of these conferences will be an open or "legal" conference sometime during the fall months. It may be called by the Party "lection conference" in preparation for 1956 but will actually take up matters of organization. The Party believes that by fall there may be ruling on the McCarran Act as it pertains to registration of CP members, thus certain organization changes may have to be made.

Prior to this conference every CP district will be expected to hold some kind of conference to take up organizational problems which are presently being discussed in most CP districts. The important thing, however, is that another National Conference will have to be held prior to the one scheduled for the fall months. This other conference which will probably be held during the summer months, will have to be secure because some persons from the underground will be in attendance.

JEK:JVT

CC: 7-New York (AM)(RM)

1-100-96985 (CP, USA-Underground Operations)
 1-100-80641 (CP, USA-Organization)
 1-134-91 (NY 694-3)
 1-100-56579 ~~PHILIP HART~~
 1-100 (CONTRIBUTOR)
 1-100-19249 (JACK KLING)
 1-100 (ESTHER EISENBERG)

CO: A) 134-46
 100-18953 (CP-Organization)
 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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CG 5824-S stated that preparation for these conferences is partly responsible for the fact that some people, who may seem unimportant, will not be released from the underground at the present time. These persons can be utilized as couriers to mobilize the more important people for the National Conference which will include underground persons or for preliminary conferences of these people.

CG 5824-S suggested that travels of certain people such as JACK KLING, CONNIE PART, and ETHEL RISENBERG should be watched in connection with the proposed conference which will include persons from the underground.

In connection with JACK KLING, PART told CG 5824-S during weekend of May 21-22, 1955, that KLING is on the road and is not available at the present time. This statement concerning KLING was made by PART in connection with the delivery of a letter from EUG KLING for JACK KLING by CG 5824-S to PART.

The Bureau and New York will be advised of any other details received by the informant in connection with the proposed National Conference which will include persons from the underground.

FOOTNOTES

NY 100-32844

NY, 5/27/55

PHILIP RUM, was - ID-C; 100-40

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[redacted] attended meeting Legation Hall, NYC, only very short period 2/19/55. When he observed subject he immediately left meeting to notify office of FBI's presence. [redacted] did not return to meeting. During time there he did observe [redacted] (100) presiding over conference and identified WILLIAM ALLEN, Night Editor correspondent to "Daily Worker", in attendance. [redacted] estimated no more than 60 persons.

He noted delegates in attendance from Detroit, Philadelphia and Chicago but further unidentified. He noted topic was "Daily Worker" circulation. Apparently Department interested only in information re this meeting as supplied by [redacted]

In event this not case Bureau attention invited Boston letter to the Bureau 3/17/55 captioned, "Freedom of the Press, Inc.; ID-C", Bureau file 97-401, which sets forth considerable information re same meeting as supplied by [redacted] further by memo to SAC, Philadelphia 4/11/55 captioned "CP, USA - PARADES AND PUE IC: 100-3; ID-C", cc NY, Philadelphia sets forth information re same meeting as supplied by [redacted]

No indication NY that Philadelphia information made available to the Bureau. NY will furnish Bureau this information upon request.

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1 - J. T. NEAGLE

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Director, FBI (100-3204)

5/27/55

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SAC, New York (100-56579)

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

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ADD: JIM

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

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SAC (100-18953)

May 31, 1955

SA JOHN E. KEATING

CP, USA
ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT-
ORGANIZATION
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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 25, 1955, that MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party, is leaving on Friday, May 27, 1955, for California. She is also going to meet her husband, JAMES WEST, who is presently in the underground.

CG 5824-S stated that the District Board of the Illinois-Indiana District was told that MOLLIE WEST would be away for one month and would be replaced during that time by BILL SEMNETT. The informant stated, however, that there is an understanding between MOLLIE WEST, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, PHIL BART, and the informant that unless the Party decides to remove JAMES WEST from the underground MOLLIE WEST will be on vacation for a three month period in order to re-establish family relationships between herself, her husband, and their children.

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1-New York (REGISTERED)
(100-56579 (PHIL BART)

6-Chicago
A) 134-46
100-20289 (JAMES WEST)
100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
100-3960 (BILL SEMNETT)
61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-86)

May 31, 1955

SAC, CHICAGO (100-14209)

CP, USA
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHNNIE KEATING on May 25, 1955, that in a conversation with PHIL BART and ANDY REMES, in New York City on May 17, 1955, he learned that ANDY REMES is in charge of New Century Publishers and that REMES is PHIL BART's representative at New Century Publishers.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Pamphlet

In a conversation with BART and REMES, CG 5824-S learned that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's speech concerning his trial which was made in Los Angeles in March or April, 1955, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Bureau, and to the New York Office, will be used in pamphlet form soon. About one third of the speech has been deleted and appropriate headings have been added. 100,000 copies will be printed and Chicago has ordered 25,000 copies which will sell for five cents each.

CG 5824-S learned that this pamphlet has been approved by the National Administrative Committee of the CP which considers the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Membership Case of utmost importance. The title of this pamphlet will not be "Not Guilty" as originally planned, but will have a title with some relation to the Bill of Rights such as a reproduction of the Bill of Rights on the cover with some portion like the guarantee of freedom of speech emphasized.

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4-New York (REGISTERED)

(100-81675) CP-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS
(100-82861) CP-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION
(100-36579) PHIL BART
(100-) ANDY REMES

3-Chicago

(A) 134-46
(61-867) CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
(100-19491) CP-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-11687)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-23774) (7-5)

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAMSON
IS-C

DATE: 6/1/55

On 5/9/55, NY 694-5 reported that shortly before WILLIAMSON went to the pier on 5/4/55 to board the "Queen Elizabeth" enroute to England, the informant and the subject had a farewell meeting.

WILLIAMSON said that upon arrival in England he would be met by representatives of the British Communist Party. After a short visit with the British Communists, WILLIAMSON would go with his family for a short visit with his mother in Scotland, and then would proceed to London.

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- 1 - 100-3-63 (CP, USA-Funds) (7-1)
- 1 - 100-3-64 (CP, USA-Confidential Mailing Addresses)
- 1 - 100-3-94 (CP, USA-Underground Operations)
- 1 - 100-3-84 (CP, USA-Security Measures)
- 1 - 100-3-81 (CP, USA-International Relations)
- 1 - 100-3-74-34 (Compro-NY)
- 1 - 100-341652 (ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN)
- 1 - 100- (CP of Canada)
- 1 - 100- (MAE WILLIAMSON)
- 1 - 100- (JACK STACHEL)
- 1 - 100- (TIM BUCK)
- 1 - 100-3284 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100- (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA-Funds) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-80632 (CP, USA-Confidential Mailing Address) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-96985 (CP, USA-Underground Operations) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA-Security Measures) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA-International Relations) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-81752 (CP, USA-Compro-NY) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-78633 (ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN) (6)
- 1 - NY 100-51166 (CP of Canada) (1)
- 1 - NY 100-94820 (MAE WILLIAMSON) (12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)

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Letter to Director
NY 100-23774

WILLIAMSON mentioned that the CP, USA, through PHIL BART, present head of the CP, USA Reserve Fund, had given him three months advance wages, \$650.00 for passage money, and an unspecified amount of expense money. WILLIAMSON also stated that expenses incident to moving his furniture and household effects to London would be paid for by the CP, USA.

WILLIAMSON further said that his time since leaving jail had been spent in reading and studying CP literature which he previously had not seen.

The subject told NY 694-S that he intended to correspond with the informant "socially and confidentially", and that any letters he writes to EUGENE DENNIS, CP functionary recently released from jail, will be sent in care of NY 694-S. Letters to DENNIS will be enclosed in an envelope with the code name "Plymouth" inscribed on the said envelope. WILLIAMSON, according to the informant, seemed extremely anxious to maintain contact with TIM BUCK of the Canadian CP and instructed NY 694-S to request BUCK to arrange for a mail drop to which WILLIAMSON could send letters to BUCK.

WILLIAMSON stated that he would not be carrying any important documents on his person while enroute to England. He would be carrying, he said, legal papers pertaining to his deportation case. His family, he said, would travel on American passports; and with respect to his wife MAE WILLIAMSON, he stated that she too would be "active" in England.

According to NY 694-S WILLIAMSON's final remarks to the informant were in reply to the question of NY 694-S, "How did the Party become so weak in the USA?"

WILLIAMSON's reply was to the following effect: The American Party, particularly the leadership, failed to understand the directive issued at the Sixth World Comintern Congress. The most important "line" was that "the world was then entering a period of wars and revolution".

Letter to Director
NY 100-23774

The American CP had the attitude that "it can't happen here". Had they correctly interpreted the directive, they would have understood that "the period of wars and revolution" meant harassment, persecution, and arrest of CP leaders in the US. The said Party leaders realized this fact too late with the result that they did not have sufficient time to organize an efficient underground apparatus. The Party now is attempting to remedy this situation; it understands that it will have its "ups and downs", and will "steel" itself to the point where it will be prepared for all eventualities.

NY 694-S, before leaving WILLIAMSON, questioned the latter regarding the "reliability" of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, who is believed to be a co-ordinator of a Communist apparatus in the US. WILLIAMSON replied, "I don't know too much about him since for many years he was with 'them' (The Russians). However, he is a most reliable 'guy' because there was a period when things were really tough - a period of six months - when he was invaluable to us. If you want to know more about him, see JACK STACHEL". The informant stated that the six months period to which WILLIAMSON referred was subsequent to the arrests of the original Smith Act subjects and prior to their trial.

NY 6/3/55

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CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; IS DASH G; COMPROB DASH NY; IS DASH G. RE NY AIRTEL MAY THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, CAPTIONED, QUOTE CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, UNQUOTE. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES THAT IN CONVERSATION TODAY WITH PHIL BART, CP, USA ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, LATTER STATED CP IS PRESENTLY PLANNING A HUGE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE MC CARRAN DASH WALTER ACT. THE CP WILL NOT APPEAR OPENLY IN CAMPAIGN, BUT WILL SET UP AN OSTENSIBLY NON DASH PARTY COMMITTEE TO HANDLE IT. A DRIVE TO SECURE NECESSARY FINANCES FOR CAMPAIGN ALSO IS BEING PLANNED. IN THIS CONNECTION QUOTE ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY UNQUOTE WILL BE APPROACHED FOR ASSISTANCE. CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH AFORESAID CAMPAIGN, THE CP PLANS TO ATTACK OPENLY THE QUOTE MEMBERSHIP CLAUSE UNQUOTE OF THE SMITH ACT. IN THIS CONNECTION THE BEST CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER AVAILABLE WILL BE RETAINED. NYO

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- 1- NY 100-81752 (COMPROB-NY) (7-5)
- 1- NY 100-119445 (WEST SIDE COMMITTEE FOR REPEAL OF MC CARRAN ACT) (7-2)
- 1- NY 100-102275 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO REPEAL THE MC CARRAN ACT) (7-2)
- 1- NY 100-117554 (COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR REPEAL OF MC CARRAN-WALTER IMMIGRATION LAW) (7-2)
- ① 1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON) (7-1)
- 1- NY 134-91 (PAC) (6)

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(1- SA T. J. MC ANDREWS)

100-56579-1063



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 6, 1955

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

~~ESpanade~~ 6-7892

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James J. Kelly
JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

100-50579

100-56579-1064
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SAC, New York (100-96985)

5/31/55

SA JOHN J. KERNAN

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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On 5/9/55 NX-2010-S*, a source close to JACK KLING, furnished a photographic reproduction of a letter dated 5/5/55 to DICK from JUDY. Individuals mentioned in this letter are identified as follows:

DICK	JACK KLING
TONY	IRVING HERMAN
HARRY	NED SPARKS
JERRY	Unsub, wa Rachel Bernstein
PHIL	PHIL BART
V.	MAX WEISS
JUDY	ESTHER EISENSCHER
JESS	LEON KAPLAN

This letter is quoted as follows:

"May 5th

"Dear Dick:

"Sorry, but some of the material needed for the planned discussion for the scheduled OB did not come thru. It will therefore be necessary to postpone the OB for about 2 weeks--to the last week of May or first of June. I am similarly sending a note to Tony and Harry.

"However, besides wanting to talk this over with you, there are a couple of other things I would also like to see you about and wonder if we can possibly get together this coming Monday or Tuesday. Could I see you, for instance, for lunch on Monday, at 1 p.m. in front of the Stanley Theatre in Jersey City, or at about 8 p.m. in the evening, same place?

1-NY100-19249 (JACK KLING)
1-NY100-87561 (ESTHER EISENSCHER)
1-NY100-82430 (IRVING HERMAN)
1-NY100-9573 (NED SPARKS)
1-NY100-18672 (MAX WEISS)
1-NY100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1-NY100-123195 (Unsub, wa Rachel Bernstein)

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"Also, \$5 came thru from Phil (roses), thru our channel, and since I did not want to carry it around, I will either arrange things thru Jerry or will bring it with when I see you.

"Hoping to see you Monday,

"Judy

"PB - Probably on about the 17, 18th or 19th, I will want to set a date for a few hours to show you the novel V spoke to you about. I will talk to you about arrangements when I see you.

"Jess finally got in. Haven't seen him yet. Your date with my girlfriend was changed to 11th as you asked."

The SF Office has been advised of information pertaining to KAPLAN.

Photographic reproductions of this letter are being attached to the memo designated for the case file on ESTHER KISSENSCHER.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

June 1, 1955

SAC, CHICAGO (100-2644)

PHIL BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Care must be used in reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

It is to be noted that CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was in personal contact with PHIL BART both in New York City and in Chicago on an intermittent basis between May 17 and May 23, 1955.

On May 27, 1955, CG 5824-S made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING several dictaphone memo belts the transcription of which is located in Chicago file A)134-46-1085. That portion dealing with PHIL BART and his wife, CONNIE BART, is set forth in this memorandum.

CG 5824-S reported that BART seems to be in pretty good shape physically. He has disciplined himself to a point where he has completely stopped smoking. He also watches his weight and sticks to a reasonable diet. He travels very light and carries but one or two shirts, underwear and a few toilet articles. Every night before going to bed he washes his shirt so he is always prepared with a clean one in case of necessity. He has even prepared himself for a more rugged life in jail. He makes his bed and does a pretty good job of it. According to the informant BART does all these things to be prepared in the event that he has to lead a disciplined life and has to take care of himself. By disciplined life he means either in the underground or in jail.

BART feels that even though he might get away this time (referring to the appeal to the United States Supreme Court on his citation for contempt of court) sooner or later he will have, in his own words, take the rap. For example,

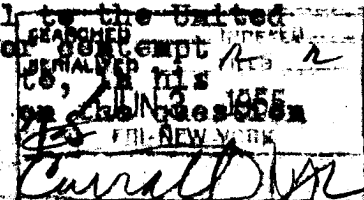
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100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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RE: PHIL BART
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of responsibility for finances in the "center", his name was turned over to the tax officials and he expects an investigation any day.

BART stated that he longs for a home life and that although his sister tries to make him comfortable he is getting somewhat tired of living alone, eating in restaurants and so on. BART stated that while the rest of his family is not of the same viewpoint ideologically they have been very nice to him with the exception of his father, who has nothing to do with him. BART stated that his brother-in-law on the West coast is anti-Communist but because of his sister and family obligations, he was ready to help BART out during the period he was underground.

CONNIE BART

CG 5824-S advised that he asked BART about his wife, CONNIE. He told the informant that he has not seen her for quite a while, that she is all right but is not too well physically and is somewhat tired of leading an underground existence. BART stated that if the situation would ease up he would ask for her release from the underground but at this moment she cannot be released.

CG 5824-S asked BART if he would see CONNIE in case he had to go to jail to serve a three month sentence for contempt. BART indicated that he would like very much to see her but that he would have to go to jail without talking to her in person and that she would certainly understand.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

DATE: 6-2-55

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17769)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
Funds
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Care must be used in reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

It is to be noted that CG 5824-S; who has furnished reliable information in the past, was in personal contact with PHIL BART both in New York City and in Chicago intermittently between May 17 and May 23, 1955.

On May 27, 1955, CG 5824-S made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING several dictaphone memo belts, the transcription of which is located in Chicago file A)134-46-1085. That portion dealing with Communist Party funds is set forth in this memorandum.

CG 5824-S reported that in talking with BART about organization and finances BART told the informant that he is responsible for both organization and finances in "the center" but that WOFSY, Sr., has the official title of Treasurer of the Communist Party.

BART also told CG 5824-S that he must get some more help on finances. He stated that the present Finance Committee is inadequate, that LEM HARRIS was a

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100-74560 (CP - Funds) 100-111180 (STAN LEVISON)
100-80641 (CP - Organization) 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY)
100-56579 (PHIL BART) 100- (ROY LEVISON)
100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) 100- (NY 694-S)

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failure and that even the LEVISON boys have grown stale and are in a rut. BART stated that while some of these individuals do some work it is not enough to meet the growing needs of the Communist Party organization. BART also stated that he would ask the person identical with NY 694-S to give him a lift in helping to raise finances as well as to suggest proposals for money making projects.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-14554)

DATE: 6-2-55

FROM : SA JOHN E. KEATING

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 09-25-2012SUBJECT: DORIS FINE
SECURITY MATTER - C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant. *Used*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 27, 1955, several dictaphone memo belts, the transcription of which is located in Chicago file A)134-46-1085. This memorandum will deal only with that portion of the transcription pertaining to DORIS FINE, wife of Comfug FRED FINE, and LILLIAN GREEN, wife of Comfug GIL GREEN.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CG 5824-S advised that at her request he talked with DORIS FINE on Monday, May 23, 1955, about some personal problems. DORIS told the informant that her son is ill and that the physicians have advised that both she and her boy should see a psychiatrist. She told CG 5824-S that she had informed the doctors at the Illinois University of Research that her husband is missing, that he is being sought as a refugee and that she is not sure that she can be aided by a psychiatrist. DORIS stated that talking to a psychiatrist may mean that she is to change her ideology and she is not ready for that as yet.

DORIS FINE told the informant, however, that she really ought to see a psychiatrist and that the boy ought to be treated but since the Communist Party does not approve of treatment by psychiatrists, psychologists or

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100-56579 (PHIL BART)
100-89816 (FRED FINE)
100- (Dr. FIRST) (Phonetic)
100-13472 (GIL GREEN)
100- (DOXIE WILKERSON)

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100-3952 (GIL GREEN)
100-1181 (LILLIAN GREEN)
100-18001 (FRED FINE)

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psychoanalysts she does not know what to do but she would be willing to see a broad-minded psychiatrist. DORIS wanted to know if the informant would object if she were to see a liberal or broad-minded psychiatrist. Since the informant did not object, she said that she would like to see an outstanding psychiatrist by the name of Dr. FIRST (phonetic) in New York City.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DORIS FINE stated that she is going to New York City about June 25, 1955, and would be there until July 15, 1955, and asked the informant to make arrangements for her to see Dr. FIRST at that time.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ According to CG 5824-S, he spoke to PHIL BART, who was in Chicago on May 23, 1955. BART told CG 5824-S that he would try to get DORIS FINE an appointment with Dr. FIRST and will inform him when DORIS FINE plans to be in New York City. BART told CG 5824-S to tell DORIS that if he, BART, is not in New York City when DORIS FINE arrives there, she should contact DOXIE WILKERSON who, through the Jefferson School, is in close touch with this psychiatrist. The informant so advised DORIS FINE.

LILLIAN GREEN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CG 5824-S informed that LIL GREEN is also going to New York City at the same time as DORIS FINE is, that they will spend an equal amount of time in New York City and expect to return to Chicago together.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CG 5824-S orally advised SA KEATING on May 23, 1955, that to his knowledge DORIS FINE is going to New York City to see a psychiatrist as indicated above and for a vacation and that LIL GREEN is going to New York City only for a vacation. However, the possibility that arrangements may be made for them to see their husbands while there should not be overlooked.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-79)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-80634) (#12-14)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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DATE: 6/2/55

Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated 4/21/55
and furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER on 4/21/55 by

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Informant's report describes certain changes that have occurred in the methods and habits of the national leadership of the CP in relation to the CP, USA, Farm Commission. These changes have occurred since the jailing of PETTIS PERRY and his companions, who up to that point had been in charge of many aspects of CP work.

On 4/21/55, [] also orally advised SA RICHARD H. BLASSER that MARTHA STONE is a member of the CP, USA, Administrative Committee.

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Informant advised the daily operating body of the CP is known as the Administrative Committee. This committee, according to the informant, was responsible for holding up PETTIS PERRY's Farm Program.

According to the informant, MARTHA STONE played a big role in holding up the publishing of PERRY's Farm Program before PERRY went to jail.

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After PERRY went to jail, his Farm Program and articles were severely criticized. This enraged CHARLES COE, member of the CP, USA Farm Commission as COE idolizes PERRY.

According to the informant, the Party's criticism of PERRY's Farm Program and articles that he wrote on the Farm Program amounted to a political repudiation of PERRY.

However, one of PERRY's articles was published because of pressure brought to bear by COE and LEM HARRIS, also a member of the CP, USA Farm Commission.

Informant was of the opinion the CP wanted PERRY out of leadership for a long time but didn't know how to proceed and did not act until after he went to jail.

Informant ascertained [redacted] that as a result of several discussions with PHIL BART, the status of the CP, USA Farm Commission at present is not known.

[redacted] the informant that since February, 1955, he has been "practically out of everything."

[redacted] the informant that LEM HARRIS is called in by the Party for an assignment once in a while but that CP Farm Program is in a state of inanimation.

Informant ascertained [redacted] that PERRY's second article on the Farm Program has been "junked."

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Informant advised the CP, USA Farm Commission remains as it was, but will not be able to proceed until the obscurities that exist are cleared up.

Informant advised [redacted]
[redacted] PHIL BART concerning the status of the Farm Commission, but BART was tied up with other business,
[redacted]

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The Minneapolis, St. Louis and Indianapolis Offices were previously advised that a member of the CP, USA Farm Commission was to contact UE officers in those districts during November, 1954 to enlist their aid in making a National CP Farm Conference scheduled for Chicago a success. No dissemination therefore, is being made for these offices.

The informant's original report is maintained as serial 557, [redacted] (P & C).

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If any of the information set forth in informant's report is used in investigative report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of this informant.

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This report will describe certain changes in the methods and habits of the national leadership of the Communist Party in relation to one of its departments -- changes which have occurred since the jailing of PETTIS PERRY and his companions who up to that point had been in charge of many aspects of Party work.

Whether these changes in method and approach relate solely to the Farm Commission or to all aspects of Communist organizational work will have to be evaluated and conclusions drawn accordingly.

For the past several years the national leadership has paid very little direct attention to the work of its Farm Commission. Periodically messages would pass between and more often as not messages from the Commission to the leadership would remain unanswered and ignored. PETTIS PERRY was considered in charge and rarely, if ever, were any of his proposals overruled directly, but on many occasions, many just died because of no answer from the other end. Not since about two years ago did the national leadership send a direct representative to a meeting of the Commission (BART) and he merely reported on some findings of a trip into the Midwest. In consequence, all matters of policy and activity emanated from the Commission and PERRY and were, unless directly overruled, put into effect without delay or discussion.

In June, 1954, and anticipating an adverse ruling from the US Supreme Court, PERRY announced at a meeting of the Farm Commission that the National Committee of the Party had made certain decisions to take immediate effect in event of his being imprisoned. Among these decisions were that the Farm Commission was to be strengthened in its composition so that it would function despite PERRY'S removal, and that when PERRY left his place was to be immediately taken by PAT TOOHEY.

He also stated that, preparatory to his leaving the scene, he desired a committee rapidly prepare a national

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farm program for the Party; that he wanted a number of new and continuing committees erected to step into the gap, and that he was preparing several important "policy articles" before he left.

Accordingly, preparing for the eventuality of PERRY going to prison, and so as to assure the smooth and continuing functioning of the Farm Commission, several new members were added and measures undertaken to have the Commission function regularly under PERRY'S or TOOHEY'S direction. In addition, an Eastern Seaboard Committee composed of Party representatives from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania was established to lead the work of this area, and steps were taken to erect a functioning committee comprising Communists in the Midwest farm belt.

Plans were made to convene a national conference of Communist farm leaders in the Midwest in early November and a representative of the Commission (COE) went into Duluth, Minneapolis and Chicago to prepare for this conference. It was also planned that prior to this national conference another representative should take a trip into Louisville, Fort Wayne, Chicago and Minneapolis to confer with and enlist the aid of UE officers to make this conference a success. PERRY prepared two lengthy articles on Communist farm policy which he left behind for publication. These articles were supposed to establish the "Party line" in this field for some time to come, and touched upon such basic aspects as the parity struggle, involvement in electoral campaigns, tactics in relation to the Grange and National Farmers Union, et cetera. Finally, several subcommittees were set up to commence work on drafting a new and comprehensive national Communist farm program. Between July and December, a number of drafts and re-drafts were written until one was produced ready for national committee examination and approval (the Bureau has copies of each of these drafts). Before he left PERRY directed that his articles and the final copy copy of the Program were to immediately be released and circulated.

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But, between August and January a number of unexplained events took place to derail and sidetrack the aforementioned decisions and plans. The cause was always vaguely ascribed to "powers that be" but no definite authority of a person or committee was ever established, and the reasons for blocking the decisions remained unclear.

First, each time a draft of the Program was sent down to the national committee silence closed around it for weeks and sometimes months, and requiring extra effort to have it released for a new going over, so that six months was consumed in delaying any definite action by the leadership on the program.

Second, someone, somewhere, arbitrarily cancelled the Chicago conference without stated reasons and set it ahead for mid-December, and when that date grew close, cancelled it again and re-set it for mid-January. PERRY claimed he did not know who did it but that he had heard it was because the Midwest Communists were not ready for the conference. However, as was later learned, the Midwest Communists were told that the eastern Communists were not ready. At other times it was intimated "times are bad for conferences", "no meeting in excess of a handful is now advisable," et cetera. Whatever the reason, it is interesting to note that the policies and plans of this Commission were held at bay and it strongly appeared as if the national leadership was steadily overruling PERRY but doing so in an indirect, oblique manner.

The foregoing background should be held in mind to understand what occurred after PERRY left for prison, and one may conjecture that it was due to one of the following causes -- or a combination of them:

1. The erratic and disorganized way in which the CP top level of the CP functions in relation to its lower level because of its clumsy and sometimes inoperable underground type of organization.

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2. That the national leadership was pursuing a "deep-down" type of functioning in accordance with its underground conception and perhaps believed the Farm Commission and PERRY were becoming too risky and tending to function too much in an open fashion disregarding "security" considerations.

3. A disagreement by the top level leadership with PERRY and his policies but a reluctance to correct him publicly, and resorting to an indirect and blockading tactic to ash-can his activities until such time as he was out of the way, then reorganize things the way they desired.

4. Or if there prevails in the top leadership a distrust of the Farm Commission and a feeling that within the Commission there must be a "leak". Curiously most of the aforementioned canceling and sidetracking took place soon after the arrest of ALBERT BLUMBERG and MARTHA STONE, in late October and early November. While he had been in the underground, BLUMBERG had worked closely with PERRY and was the author of most of PERRY'S "reports" and articles. STONE was close to most members of the Farm Commission and was, in fact, arrested as she left a secret meeting of the Farm Commission. (It should be borne in mind that the STONE arrest caused some commotion and several investigating committees were established to collect and assess all facts and information surrounding the arrest. Whether these committees concluded that MARTHA is guiltless (she had been accused of being reckless and ignoring security rules) and that her arrest is due to something associated with the Farm Commission is open to conjecture.)

From what is known, certain changes took place almost immediately after PERRY and his companions entered federal prison.

The day PERRY was jailed, TOOHEY (from Florida) instructed New York members of the Commission to convene

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a meeting of the Commission for which he would return by plane; to reschedule and start preparing the Chicago conference; to edit and release the final copy of the farm Program, and to publish the two "policy" articles which PERRY left behind. COE and HARRIS proceeded to carry this out and contacted the national leadership about the Program, articles and soliciting assistance in contacting Midwest leaders.

Immediately, a message came back suggesting to defer any action on anything until a representative of the national leadership could meet with and consult the commission leaders. It was indicated that the national leadership desired to present "some new thoughts" in regard to the work in this area. Though unexpected, it was considered a pleasing development and maybe betokening an end to the national ignoring of the Commission work for the past several years and national disinterest in the entire farm aspect of work.

The message from the leadership said a formal Commission meeting was not needed and that a simple restaurant conference with several people was adequate for the time; that it would be unnecessary for TOOHEY to come in from Florida for the chat because the talk would be small and informal.

Consequently, a small group of COE, HARRIS, GORDON, ERIC BERT and Mrs. COE composed the meeting. The representative of the national leadership turned out to be PHIL BART.

At this meeting, very little was said directly or to the point, nor were specific questions directly addressed or answered. Like all CP functionaries whose speciality is internal organization, he speaks on and deals with matters in an indirect, half-suggestive, evasive fashion and always employs roundabout, indefinite and allegoric methods of discussion and debate, which results in no definite commitment on any question but which

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always leaves an "out" for any other kind of interpretation he desires. But persons acquainted with Party lingo and habits have no misunderstanding of what was said or meant.

Although ostensibly speaking in a general way and with reference to no specific subject or person, the participants of such a meeting know they are not aimlessly chatting but that it is their work and issues which are under discussion and review. Therefore, the following is the writer's interpretation of BART'S remarks and the purpose for which he came.

He vaguely indicated that a number of "changes and developments" had occurred which warrant a thorough re-appraisal of CP methods of work in all fields. He did not spell out the new changes nor did he refer to what methods must be changed, but interspersed throughout his remarks were phrases as "an easing of world and national tensions", "a lifting of McCarthyism and fear", "more and more important people coming out of their holes and starting to fight back", "newer and better opportunities of mass and more open work by the Party", "a need to change a lot of heavy and cumbersome mechanisms which have proved to be inoperable and self-defeating".

Several times he referred to "serious errors of judgement and policy" (unspecified, but impliedly relating to the farm field); and said we have "had some grave experiences in the field of security which should not be ignored". The area of these lapses in security were also unspecified, and though the participants were not told directly it related to farm area, and the errors of judgement could only refer to PERRY.

The consensus of those present gathered that BART was conveying these "new thoughts" of the national leadership:

That it was necessary to completely reorganize CP work in this field from the line and method it had

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been following, because mistakes of policy and organizational form had been made and resulted in fruitless and sterile endeavor; and that such was all the worse in face of really "good opportunities to advance, and an observable lessening of anti-Communist tension".

The tenor of BART'S remarks was to discredit PERRY'S leadership and methods of work as well as his policies, with the conclusion that it was necessary to dismantle any machinery and committees which PERRY erected, and to thoroughly revise policy questions which PERRY had formulated.

This related to the Program particularly, and BART was uncertain if the Program should be published at all -- or not until severe changes be made in it. He indicated the Program as now completed "fails to reflect the new situation in the country, new changes in class relationships, and fails to provide tactics and strategy in light of new and actual conditions. As said, these "new and actual" conditions were unexplored and assumed that everyone present should themselves know of them.

In regard to the "policy articles" which PERRY left behind, one was finally published but in a form which COE described as "mutilated" and radically changed. When asked about this BART was evasive and ascribed it to "changes" which had occurred since PERRY left (only a week or so before) and needing "freshened up to correspond to the changes".

BART then indicated that the national leadership was thinking of a radical transformation of the Farm Commission; and said there were proposals that it be moved to Chicago and function out of Chicago. When asked if that meant TOOHEY would follow it to Chicago, he answered that it seemed unlikely, because there were ideas that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT might be put in charge of it, and if LIGHTFOOT could not assume the task then he, BART, would take charge of it.

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In discussing this, BART mentioned that there is more and more of a tendency by the leadership to dismantle a large part of its "unavailable" or underground type of leadership and to channelize committees and leadership into the hands of "open" functionaries who are able to now function openly. Among this type of functionary are those who are under bail and presently free to move about, and not to set up a lot of others as "sitting ducks."

Whether these remarks indicate a policy change by the national leadership is open for evaluation also, but it should be observed (and as previously been called to the attention of the Bureau) more and more of the hitherto "unavailable" and underground functionaries are coming "out" and resuming open activity. At present, only three or four important functionaries in New York City remain underground, while a number of others have resumed normal lives. This is also observed in Jersey where CANTOR is now in the open, as is LIL GATES and others in New York.

This meeting with BART ended in an inconclusive fashion, the participants not knowing whether the present Farm Commission is in effect or not, of it a new one is to be set up, or whether it will function in New York or Chicago, or whether it will be headed by LIGHTFOOT, BART or TOOHEY.

However, since early February there has been no further notice from the National Committee or any indication of its further interest. Whether BART'S mission was to quietly wreck the Commission as it stands, or if the leadership intends to do something else but has not yet got around to it, is not known at this point.

Whether the national leadership distrusts the commission and takes these steps to allow it to quietly die out may also be conjectured.

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It seems obvious that PERRY'S policies and mechanisms are totally thrown out also.

It may also be examined whether, with the release from prison of DENNIS and the others, as well as the great difficulties the Party experiences in having its underground operate, if there has been a decision to dismantle a large part of this apparatus and seek more effective methods of their functioning.

Moreover, the prattle about "new changes" and "opportunities" may also be a decision based upon a review of the situation in which the leadership decides it is now possible to come out more in the open and strive to work in an open fashion.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 6-3-55
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
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- 1 - 100-80641 (COMMUNIST PARTY - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-74560 (COMMUNIST PARTY - FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100-26603 (COMMUNIST PARTY DISTRICT NO. 2, NEW YORK)
 - ✓ 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-109247 (JOHN GRAY)
 - 1 - 100-63755 (LEON NELSON)
- 3 - Chicago
- 1 - A)134-46-1085a
 - 1 - 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
 - 1 - 100-17769 (COMMUNIST PARTY - FUNDS)

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Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

It is to be noted that an informal report on the National Communist Party conference on organization, held in April, 1955, in New York City, by MOLLIE WEST, Organizational Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District, at a recent board meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party has been previously reported. It is also noted that CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was in personal contact with PHIL BART, who holds a position equivalent to that of Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, during the period from May 17 through May 23, 1955, on an intermittent basis, and that a meeting of the District Secretariat of the Illinois - Indiana District of the Communist Party was held at the residence of the informant in Chicago on Friday, May 20, 1955.

On May 27, 1955, CG 5824-S made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING several dictaphone memo belts, the transcription of which appears in Chicago file A)134-46-1085. This memo will deal with that portion of the transcription pertaining to Communist Party organization, which the informant received at the meetings and contacts detailed above.

National Communist Party Sub-Committee on Organization

CG 5824-S advised that at the National Communist Party meeting on organization they set up a sub-committee to prepare a resume of the discussions and proposals at the meeting. The sub-committee selected, as suggested by the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party, is composed of PHIL BART, MOLLIE WEST and NELLIE, the Organizational Secretary of the New York District of the Communist Party. The informant advised that while PHIL BART was in Chicago during the period from May 20 through May 23 he reminded MOLLIE WEST that she is expected to offer her suggestions in writing within the next few months. This sub-committee or commission, however, will not have a prepared report before September or possibly even later.

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Discussion on Communist Party Registration

Another task of this sub-committee on organization is to prepare a report on the advisability of conducting a registration during the fall of 1955 or at the end of the year 1955. There seems to be a difference of opinion on this matter. The New York District favors a new registration even if in a simplified form. The Illinois District is opposed to all and any registration other than the statistical computation of membership and dues as collected from the lower organizations of the Party throughout the year.

Dues Campaign

During the summer period prior to a conference which will be held in the fall, at which a final decision will be made on registration, the Communist Party Districts have all been advised to conduct a dues campaign to try to get as many members as possible to pay up their dues and their assessments. The Party assessment collection percentage is very low; only about 25 percent of the membership have paid their last year's assessment which is equivalent to one month's dues.

Reduction of Communist Party Payrolls

CG 5824-S advised that the Party organization is trying to trim its budget and is suggesting that as many people as possible find employment outside the ranks of the Party. They also suggest that the functionaries who have no specialized trade or skill try, if it is at all possible, to learn a skill or trade. For example JOHN GRAY is to learn offset printing in some shop in New York City. The Party or other organizations around the Party can no longer employ him. They feel that if he learns a trade he can continue working in some field of Party activity and at the same time not be dependent upon the Party for his salary. The informant advised that this is being duplicated in many Communist Party Districts where they cannot meet the financial obligations and feel that they can do with fewer full time functionaries.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)

DATE: 6-3-55

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-19431)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - STRATEGY IN
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- 2 - Minneapolis (RM)
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 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - 1 - 100-18953 (CP - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-18393 (Cominfil, Railroad Industry)
 - 1 - 100-12259 (ARTHUR HAENDLE)
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 - 1 - 100-15105 (ADOLPH RABIN)
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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on May 25, 1955 that a meeting took place in Chicago between the informant, PHIL BART, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ART HAENDLE on Monday, May 23, 1955 and the following matters were discussed:

Party Status of ARTHUR HAENDLE

It was decided to release ARTHUR HAENDLE from his present position in which he had charge of Communist Party activities in several Midwestern states. This decision was prompted by the fact that HAENDLE's wife, REVA, has joined him and she has a heart condition and cannot travel. Furthermore, HAENDLE believes that he cannot accomplish as much in these Communist Party districts as he had done in the past.

HAENDLE stated, however, that he is conducting some Communist Party classes in Iowa, Nebraska and North and South Dakota so he was given two months which will include a two weeks vacation in order to break away from his present assignment.

The decision was made that HAENDLE is also to get a job outside of the Party despite the fact that he is fifty-eight years of age. It was suggested that he might get a job as a salesman selling vacuum cleaners similar to that which his brother-in-law, ART RABIN (ADOLPH RABINOWITZ) has. After obtaining a job, HAENDLE is then supposed to devote part-time on Communist Party railroad concentration in the Chicago area.

Communist Party Concentration
in the Railroad Industry in
New York

During this discussion PHIL BART stated that the Communist Party has colonized the railroad industry in New York and in fact the Party has more concentration in the railroad industry in New York than anywhere else in the United States. BART stated that the

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Party in New York has young people with all kinds of jobs in the railroad industry and that these members are willing to contribute financially toward Communist Party concentration of the railroad industry elsewhere in the United States. BART stated, however, that the Communist Party needs some "old hands" to guide these young Communist Party members in the railroad industry and suggested that in the future either ART HAENDLE or OTTO WANGERIN of Chicago might be utilized on a part-time basis for this assignment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3) DATE: 6/3/55
FROM : SAC, New York (100-4931)(12-14)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
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On May 12, 1955, [redacted] orally advised
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER of the following:

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1 - Bureau (100-) (LEM HARRIS) (RM)
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1 - Bureau (100-) (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (CP, USA, DISTRICT 14) (RM)
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1 - Bureau (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (JOE FISCHER) (RM)
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1 - Bureau (100-) (JOE BRANDT) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) [redacted] (RM)
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1 - Bureau (100-) (GEORGE WATT) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (JOHN STEUBEN) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (MAY DAY COMMITTEE) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-3-63) (FUNDS) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (MANNY CANTOR) (RM)
1 - Bureau (100-) (EMIL ASHER) (RM)
1 - Indianapolis (100-) [redacted] (RM)
1 - Cleveland (100-) (GEORGE WATT) (RM)
1 - Newark (100-) (CP, USA, DISTRICT 14) (RM)
1 - Newark (100-) [redacted] (RM)
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The informant has not heard anything recently concerning Communist Party farm activity or activity of the Communist Party, USA Farm Commission from PHIL BART, member of the National Administrative Committee, CHARLES COE, or LEM HARRIS, both members of the Communist Party, USA Farm Commission.

Informant has not pressed the issue of the inanimation of the Communist Party, USA Farm Commission, but rather, will let things continue as they are for a short time before deciding what action to take on this matter.

The informant was of the opinion that this inanimation of the Farm Commission is due to a period of flux caused by the imprisonment on one set of Communist Party leaders and the release from prison of another set of leaders.

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1 - NY 100-66938 (CHARLES COE) (12-11)
1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) (12-13)
1 - NY 100-96985 (UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-89590 (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (12-14)
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Informant was also of the opinion that the Communist Party is now pressed with new and larger questions that have to be immediately handled by Party leaders.

One of the issues before the Communist Party, and with which the Communist Party is immediately concerned, is the matter of bringing some of its underground work into the open. Informant advised this issue accounts now for the Communist Party holding open meetings, Party speakers being openly advertised, and Communist Party leaders emerging into the open.

In addition to the above described issue, with which the Communist Party is now concerned and occupied, another issue has arisen.

The Communist Party's leadership is greatly upset over the character of the unity of the merger of the CIO and AF of L forces. The Communist Party is concerned over the way this unity is taking place. The terms of this unity are such, that the Communist Party is disturbed for fear it will be ousted from its position in the labor unions. The Party fears the few unions it does control will "be left hanging on a string as ineffective, innocuous unions."

Informant exhibited a 23 page leaflet issued by the New Jersey Communist Party leadership for internal use, and which is concerned with the AF of L and CIO merger, and captioned "The AF of L and CIO Merger".

Informant was not able to furnish this leaflet to the writer at the time, as he required it for a subsequent Communist Party meeting.

The leaflet was furnished to SA BRYAN JINNETT of the Newark Office on May 19, 1955.

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Informant advised the leaflet is supposed to be discussed within the Communist Party so that the entire membership can secure a common line on the merger with the objective of striving to see to it that National Communist Party forces are not ousted from the labor picture.

According to the informant, the above referred to leaflet is a study outline intended for study, review, and discussion by all Communist Party units.

Informant advised the AF of L and CIO merger is causing great concern in the Party from top to bottom. The Party will attempt to do whatever it can to see to it that the aims of REUTHER and MEANY will not succeed.

Informant advised he received the aforementioned AF of L and CIO merger leaflet from [redacted]

Informant advised the above mentioned meeting would be a meeting of the New Jersey Communist Party [redacted] would arrive for the meeting on Saturday, [redacted]

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Informant advised [redacted] is now out in the "open", but is working very cautiously.

Informant advised that about ten people in all would appear for the [redacted] meeting at [redacted].

It was the informant's opinion that [redacted]
[redacted] arising out of the arrest of MARTHA STONE, New Jersey Smith Act subject presently out on bail.

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Informant was of the opinion the question of the inanimation of the Communist Party, USA, Farm Commission would straighten itself out after Communist Party leaders resolve more important issues.

[redacted] advised the following New Jersey Communist Party leaders are now out in the "open":

JOE FISCHER
DAVE ROCKLIN
JOE BRANDT

Informant advised the [redacted] [redacted] undoubtedly would be concerned with the issue of transferring some of the New Jersey Communist Party underground work to the "open" and limiting the functions of the New Jersey Communist Party underground apparatus, but maintaining it nevertheless,

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Informant advised that [redacted] of the New Jersey Communist Party, to his knowledge is not out in the "open", but probably is only one of several in New Jersey that are not out in the "open".

Informant was also of the opinion that the [redacted] would also deal with the developments in the labor movement and what to do about it in New Jersey.

Informant also advised the Communist Party in New Jersey has mainly been concerned for the past several weeks with HCUA hearings scheduled for May 16, 1955, at Newark, New Jersey.

The immediate task of the New Jersey Communist Party is to develop a counter movement to the HCUA and to discredit its activities. All that the Communist Party of New Jersey has done for the past several weeks has been done in relation to the HCUA hearings scheduled for the week of May 16, 1955, at Newark, New Jersey.

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GEORGE WATT, Communist Party trade Union leader, visited JOHN STEUBEN at the hospital on May 9, 1955.

Informant advised JOHN STEUBEN was taken off the critical list on May 11, 1955.

[redacted] also advised an open May Day Meeting was held in Tronton, New Jersey, for the first time in five years. Another was held at Carpenter's Hall, Lakewood, New Jersey, and MANNY CANTOR of the New Jersey Communist Party was publicly advertised as a speaker. Another meeting was held in Paterson, New Jersey, and EMIL ASHER of the New Jersey Communist Party acted as Chairman. MARTHA STONE was a speaker. Admission was one dollar, and an additional \$200 was collected.

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Informant advised the foregoing indicates to him that new developments are arising in the Communist Party, and reflects a shift in the manner of working by the Party.

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TITLE PHILIP BART, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's case argued before U. S. Supreme Court on April 5, 1955. On May 23, 1955, ruling handed down by U. S. Supreme Court which set aside the contempt conviction of subject. U. S. Government has twenty-five days in which to file a petition for a re-hearing of the case, otherwise ruling becomes final and order to lower court will be issued setting aside conviction.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On April 7 and 8, 1955, Mr. [redacted] Clerk's Office, U. S. Supreme Court, was contacted by the writer, at which time he advised that BART's case had been argued before the Court on April 5, 1955, and that an opinion would be rendered later.

On April 22 and 28, 1955, and again on May 13, 1955, Mr. [redacted] was again contacted by the writer, at which time he said that no opinion had been rendered in BART's case. b6 b7C

On May 25, 1955, Mr. [redacted] upon being contacted, said that a majority opinion of the members of the court set aside the contempt conviction of BART. Mr. [redacted] stated that this opinion was rendered on May 23, 1955, and that the

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U. S. Government would have twenty-five days from that date to file a petition for a re-hearing. In the event no petition for a re-hearing is filed by the U. S. Government, this opinion will become final and an order will be issued to the lower court setting aside the contempt conviction of BART.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will follow and report any action by U. S. Government to file a petition for a re-hearing and if none is filed will report the issuance of an order to lower court setting aside the contempt conviction.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WILLIAM M. BOARDMAN dated February 3, 1955, at Washington, D. C.

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